

TRUTH AT LAST

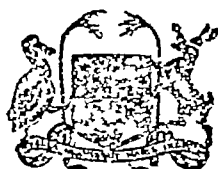
*(A critical study of the past and present
of Hindoos)*

Never attempted before

(For Hindoo Intelligentsia only)

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our teachers
non-metaphysics--
efface the Slokes such as चतुर्वर्ण्य
the four castes--and nationalize it

But our culture of untouchism, worship
normal and objects, strange Gods, prejudices and can
system Confidence and courage would then embrace it
You can not love your neighbour until you learn
love yourself. Love through fear is self deception.
It follows that a Hindu can not love a non Hindu
before he knows how to love his own people. The
love of one's community. Its natural sequen
communalism and strength. When one is strong he ceases
as he is free from fear.

Because we were no communalists we were ena
led. We are now free people and must avoid the m
akes of the past.

In the last war the Russian communists fought
German invaders not for their ideology but for their con
try Russia did away with her Christianity first bef
she imposed her regime on other faiths. Then only Russ
of many races and languages gained in momentum. If
dia will have to go the same way. Country first, De
rations such as creed and culture will follow.

Secularism of the Hindu rulers tolerates every re
gion wicked and worthy but confined to their hom
which only prevents the offensive gases from being free
spread. I am sure however that this is the first step
destroy the gas plant itself.

The most comprehensive modern definition of
present unbeliefism.

Preliminary

First phrase of the preface to the 'Truth At Last' ought to be my apology to the readers for helplessly allowing to creep as many mistakes of misprints, spelling and printer, devils in my book as the number of cases in the Hindoo peoples. I want to explain that my vision was not shining and I could not strike a better bargain.

So I say for my English language too! All know that I have been trying my hand at Hindi for the past 30 years but I see my works relegated to the safe places like our ancient books while the new generation is enquiring as to the whereabouts of Pandit Atmanand.

I therefore decided to come into the open again but this time through English. This is no doubt a literary adventure on my part. I have taken more than 3 years to bring forth this book due not only to my financial exigency but to my linguistic deficiency as well, plus the dramatic happenings in India which kept me on tiptoe of alternate expectations and frustrations with my hand staying in wait for the final results.

This audacious attempt of writing in English was forced upon me firstly by the desire of making a direct appeal to our schooled young men and women as their easy going elders have shown no disposition to respond to my calls on them in Hindi and secondly by the shock I received in reading the census report of this colony of 1944. The comparison of the figures between the followers of the three main religions viz Hinduism, Mohammedanism and Christianity with the previous enumerations

race was dying. Rage and gloom both seized me and I set to writing. I had no patience to develop my subject as Shakespeare has done with his characters and as the demise of the Hindoo peoples was dangling before my eyes I styled the opening chapter of the book "The dying race". I now realise that it is putting the cart before the bullock but readers will appreciate my mental agony and conceive at what happened at the spur of the moment.

Thirdly I also saw there lay a pall of ignorance and indifference spread over the purely Hindoo questions in my community and as no Indo-Mauritian is likely to touch it I had to lift it and lash. What little awning and activities one sees in Mauritius are due to the men who now and then come from India for the purpose. Indo-Mauritians, I see, lack the initiative.

I beg to say further that I noted down the thoughts, ideas, experience, happenings and memories as they came to me and it was too late to sort and string them in an orderly manner with appropriate headings and chapters as a connected whole. I therefore ask my readers to be kind enough to accept my book as a collection of raw material fit to be manufactured one day in a finished article by an abler hand. I have anyhow tried to put my stuff in six chapters.

Am I irrelevant? Our leaders look more to India than to their adopted country Mauritius when they write. The book 'India and the Soviet Experiment' by Mr Droopnath Ramphul is an instance of its kind though one fails to appreciate the relation between India and Russia on one hand and Mauritius on the

unless of course the learned Barrister intends to influence the local politics indirectly.

The latest by Mr R. K. Boodhun 'Indian Independence and other writings' also enters the Indian ocean which belongs to nobody. But I content with my own Ganga and Jumna.

Another instance of its kind is provided in the appearance of a pamphlet 'In the service of man and God' by Mr S. Jugduth a member of the civil service. He always takes interest in the literacy of his people and is fully aware of the pitiable state of his coreligionists. And yet he leaves them to their fate and jumps to the bombastic project of humanity and Almighty. Surely this is the Hindoo mania.

We all know how India is passing through the crisis of food and finance but Nehru government was the first to send 100,000 rupees to succour the Arab refugees of Palestine. But I want the Hindoo husband to love his wife first before he casts his eyes upon the wives of others.

I ask, can a Hindoo himself living in the dark recesses of his house, ever become a torch bearer of the world?

As for my book I submit, we take our inspiration and instruction direct from India in social, religious and cultural matters and therefore nobody will charge me with going out of the way and swelling the book by filling irrelevant matter in it. Ved, Vyas, Buddha, Toolsidas, Dayanand, Gandhi and others have all contributed to make us what we are and in consequence my book would have lost its "raison d'etre" [purpose] if I ignore them and their country.

For example can I ignore the following consideration in this book ?

Centuries ago our great Manu has described the Hindoo religion with having ten famous features as under धृति, (Patience) क्षमा, [Pardon] दम, (Forbearance) अस्तेय, (non stealing) शौच (cleanliness) इन्द्रिय निग्रह, (self restraint) धी, (intellect) विद्या, (learning) सत्य, (truth) अक्रोध, (non anger)

Readers will remark that there is no trace of God beliefs, Books, worship, hell and heaven as other foreign religions are founded upon. It appears that the religion as then practised in the time of Manu rested on morality—a conduct of life—corresponding to the Buddhist principles. Mahatma Gandhi had based his campaign to win the independence of India on the teaching of those two ancient Mahatmas Manu and Buddha, of course in a modified form.

Manu is said to be our law giver but his work 'Manu Smriti' is full of contradictions and absurdities and yet it has been the bulwark of Hinduism till this day. An atheist and an Acharya both draw from Manu according to their conviction and convenience. This jumbling compilation of Manu has done more harm than good and some people in India on that account have burnt the book publicly.

Any how 'Manu Smriti' stands a monument of the anarchical state of the then Hindoo society torn as it was by the conflict between Hinduism and Buddhism.

Now I come to the repetitions. The history of the invasions of India has repeated itself a number of times but Hindoos have soon effaced all memory of those

recurring national tragedies and continued with their tiresome existence under the gloom of their so called inevitable law of Karma. It seems 'forget and forgive' was their motto. I therefore trust my readers will extend to me this our wanted generosity to the repetitions found in the book due to the weakening of my memory wrought by age and health plus a long delay of 45 months to finish the writing. The faded colour of the first 50 pages tells its tale.

Nevertheless I assure the readers that my repetitions are wholesome because they will serve as frequent reminders to our degrading and suicidal character of easily forgetting our evils, insults and injuries.

I therefore ask my readers not to pass too severe a judgement on my commission and omission committed in this book written in a foreign language which I am sorry to repeat is poor and faulty. Yet I affirm that the 'Truth at Last' is literally so and that it contains not one untrue statement.

I beg to draw again the particular attention of my readers to the fact that I began writing in 1946 and finished this year and therefore whenever references for fixing the period of events are made, they should be reckoned as taking place from two to four years earlier.

The special feature of the book is that the author is not blinded by the worn out and obsolete notions of nationalism and patriotism as most Hindoo writers are. We all know how they had fallen upon Miss Mayo for her notorious book 'Mother India'. Lala Lajpatrai even wrote a volume called 'Unhappy India' in a tit for tat manner attacking her country America. But nobody has ever refuted what her book contains thus allowing the Hindoos to enjoy the sweet revenge and remain in ignorant bliss.

I shall therefore feel rewarded if people will find and value my writings as a true and honest reflection of our society.

Hindoo's lived in a dream state for the past 50 years and learnt a method of speaking English with muddled

and sprinkling ancients with milky liquid. English have now retired but the spirit of the Hindoo irritability has remained and the ancients hitherto kept in peace are now being disturbed.

But now like India we must reverse the order by making the English our friends and putting the ancients in the witness box.

My merit and credit therefore lie in the honest expression of my convictions and conscience without mincing matters and which is reflected in the naming of the book.

I have advanced no new facts in the book. I have only given free vent in plain words to what is so vehemently expressed in our private talks and discussions, with the intention of giving them more light and air and allow their diffusion and development, in order that our community should leave the hospital as early as possible! In doing so the writer generally runs the risk of rousing the reactionary forces and as usual I have made up my mind to submit to consequences as a matter of course.

Mr Middleton the then acting governor ordered me to stand to attention and fix my eyes on the map hanging before me in the government house and not to look straight at him with threat of deportation? This was in the first year following the first world war and for leading a procession from Vacoas to Reduit in protest of Black marketing in Rangoon rice! Six years later in 1923 my first book 'History of Mauritius' in Hindi brought troubles on my head just for telling the truth.

Their assaults and insults however took a contrary turn which tended to make me a martyr and as last resort they petitioned the government to deport me. Surely the history was repeated on parallel lines in what had happened to Adolph De Plevitz who had championed the cause of Indian labourers 80 years ago. They also wanted to treat Mr Beejadhur the conscientious editor of

"Advance" in a like manner a few months ago before our eyes. He should thank his stars however that he is an Honourable ! Fortunately the truth prevailed and people have now forgotten all about my book. But my character stands and I am still subjected to the pungent language whenever they know that certain articles appearing in the Hindi press are mine and their boycott of my Hindi pen is now complete.

One must not however conclude from the above that I am now thoroughly acclimatised to this periodically disturbing weather and can stand the shock of the gushy winds successfully. On the contrary I have now reached the top age of Hindoos and do not want to take any risk and therefore have decided not to expose the 'Truth at Last' to the eyes of the profane figuratively speaking.

In view of this consideration plus the pecuniary one I have published a limited number of copies for private circulation among Hindoos with a voluntary price of rupee one. This means that I do not want to make money out of the venture. Primary object is to diffuse among my coreligionists the truth concerning themselves hitherto hidden from them.

I shall be glad however if my small savings put into the publication of the book will be realised and therefore I ask my friends of means to pay a bit more for a copy and I am sure the disposal of some copies in this way will adjust my balance sheet and my friends will have the pleasure of having two birds at one stone. I hope they will appreciate the motive underlying this price for a book of this dimension with 180 pages and in these days of scarcity and dearness and help the cause.

As for the responsibility of nice and nasty got in

the book it is entirely mine. I consulted neither men nor material. Memory and observation have served me as a store house to draw upon.

Now thanks. The first man to receive them is Mr L. Moon then the worthy proprietor of the Shradhanand printing press who made me a concession for printing my book at his press. The second man to do so is my friend Mr D. Padaruth the precious president of Arya Paropkarni Sabha under whose roof I could write care free.

All my books are published with the contributions from my friends but I resolved to stand on my own legs in the present case. I had nearly completed my book when I found my safe empty I then knocked at the door of Gangas and I am glad to say that the spirit of the founder of the house of Ganga the late Mr Dookhi still resides in his successors and I thank them for responding to my call on them.

Lastly my thanks go to the prospective readers in anticipation that they will appreciate my writing in the spirit in which I have presented it to them and I shall be glad to entertain their views on it.

This is a happy coincidence that the State Seal of the government of India is now inscribed with the motto of सत्यमेव जयते (Truth alone triumphs) and that if the statesmen say so, the readers may safely predict that the Pandit's "Truth at Last" is bound to follow suit sooner or later.

I conclude with a prayer to my readers that they should make a point to re-read the recapitulation of the book every 6 or 12 months.

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Chapter I

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Sparks

Hindoo is he who has unmixed devotion for Hindusthan.

Doctors, lawyers, poets and philosophers are rather

ornaments of our society But we want men like Mala veeya, Tilak, Parmanand, Sawarkar and Shradhanand.

All chaos and confusion in Hinduism is primarily due to the number of Gospels of Hindoos.

Hindoos have no goal to attain in this or that world. Their ideas of post death rewards and punishments swing between Karma and Shradha Neither they have any ambition to convert the world to their religion. They simply linger on to what they have and because everything is illusion, their patriotism too remains cracked. We must have a new foundation.

Hindoos were Vaidic, they became pooranic and are now ripe for modernic. We shall certainly reach the goal sooner if we continue our association with British.

Our ancient wisdom is our boast. But we are like the mendicant children of the multi million fore fathers. Let us turn to the wisdom of this age.

Educationally we are the back benchers. Our only qualification is our number.

The Dying Race

The Statistics are always an interesting and instructive subject and the conclusions based on them have invariably been found to be correct. The statistics means the collection of facts and figures not only concerning the number of the heads of persons but counting every fauna and flora of the country with their details and description. In this respect our government lags behind other civilised countries on many items and we know how they could not supply the necessary information on certain points such as the number of Indians possessing the 6th Standard certificate etc to the members of the consultative assembly appointed by the Governor in connection with the revision of the constitution of the colony last year. The government have, however experienced the necessity of opening a department for collecting the statistics and we hope to get accurate and precise information on many an item specially those related to the vagaries of the population variegated as it is found in this island.

In the meantime, the figures of the different sections of the inhabitants of the country as revealed in the census report of 1944 are illuminating and show the relative strength of every component part of the Mauritian community. I give below the last three enumerations of the inhabitants of the island for edification of the Indians particularly the Hindoos.

The General Population may be tabulated as follows.

In 1921	110,961
„ 1931	124 589
„ 1944	153,938

Indians

In 1921	265,524
„ 1931	268 649
„ 1944	265,247

The readers will remark that for nearly a quarter of a century the Indian Population has remained as stationary as a dead weight whilst the General population comprising the whites, the coloured and the Chinese are increasing by thousands in every count. To be exact, during the last 24 years the general population has gained by a formidable number of 43,000 with

an average increase of little more than 1800 persons per year. What is the cause or causes of this phenomenal stagnancy of the Indians and the amazing increase of the non Indians? Only three factors emerge - as far as I can see, births, deaths and conversion have contributed to the swelling of the latter at the expense of the former. I shall come to this analysis when I shall deal with the question of the sinking Hindoos.

The figures under the heading Indians also include the Mohamedans who are said to be somewhere near 60 000. Let us try now to see the position of the Hindoos in relation to the other pillars of the society of Mauritius. Out of 265,247 Indians we deduct the 60 thousand Mohamedans plus about 4,000 Indian Christians and the remainder settles down to little over 200,000 who are pure and simple Hindoos. In order to put the forces of Hindoos and non-Hindoos on array, I deploy the 60 000 Muslims (their exact figures are 57 83) and add them to the number 153 938 of the general population which brings the total to about 210,000. If we subtract again 10,000 coloured men living in the dependencies we came to the figure of 200,000 which we can safely put under the category of non-Hindoos, i.e., the General Population and the Muslims put together.

Hindoos

Here we see that the Mauritian Community is divided in two big groups Hindoo and non-Hindoo of equal strength each with two hundred thousand strong. We must stop here and compare the figures again in relation to the Hindoos only. We know the Muslims too have increased during the last 24 years by about from 4 to 5 thousand and as a result of which the non-Hindoos in the same period have added about fifty thousand new souls to their numbers raising them from 150 thousand in 1821 to 200 thousand in 1944. The Hindoos in the same period have decreased by 12 thousand from 217,000 in 1921 to 205,000 in 1944. This elementary Arithmetic shows the Hindoos are the only sufferers and they are losing at the rate of 500 every year.

Here I close the Statistics of our population and before I proceed with the analysis of the significance of the figures, I hasten to declare that I have trimmed off the fractional number in few hundreds or thousands and have made them round to

meet the natural desire to read and understand the subject easily without any trouble of going through the tedious additions and subtractions of the superfluous figures but I have taken great care not to touch what the figures represent I have used the words about, nearly, little more and so on when giving the figures and the explanation of doing so lies in the fact stated above

DUE TO

Let us now try to find out the causes of the Hindoo race heading towards its extinction. Toiling and sweating on the sugar cane fields, malnutrition, unhygienic and unsanitary living, inadequate medical help, immature unproductivity, infant mortality, birth control, poverty, ignorance and coversion According to me these are the causes and I have included the birth control as one of them contributing to the diminution of the Hindoo community but my experience as a Hindoo Civil Status Officer covering a period of some 30 years has brought only one complaint where the wife had abandoned her conjugal roof on account of the husband's insistence for practising the birth control though I have heard friends saying that they are fed up with children and that these are born against their wish and work ! The cause of birth control as a factor among the Hindoos who are mostly ignorant, illiterate and poor therefore must be ruled out,

MUSLIMS

As for the other causes there exists no shadow of doubt with regard to their effectiveness in taking this heavy toll from the ranks of Hindoo- What about the followers of Islam ? Muslims of this island also live under the same conditions like their Hindoo neighbours so far as their situation, ignorance, medical help and birth control are concerned and their numerical loss due to the above causes is not only compensated by their food, living, virility, incidental polygamy, and their large scale proselytism but also by their married state even at an advanced age. They have nearly abandoned their Hindoo comrades of the sugar-cane fields to their fate and have taken to the crafts and trades other than sowing and weeding They are migrating to the centres and invading the jobs done by the non-Muslims which are more lucrative, cleaner and easier than the digging of holes under sun, cold and rain. This has changed their outlook on life and they live more comfortably with better economical background than the Hindoos and score more in consequence in the match of building the numerical strength The second vital factor for their augmentation has been their non-conversion to other faiths. There is no such thing as exit in Islam.

Creoles

sect trying to effect reforms in Mohammedanism soon meets its fate as is witnessed by the case of Kadyanis started here some 30 years ago. Such a solid rock as Islam has given its followers a great advantage over other religions in the matter of numbers. Here I want to shift my comparison of Hindoos with Muslims to the Christians or locally called creoles who have inherited a culture and civilization from the foremost nation of the world France and whose religion is artistically organised and therefore attractive. Their civilization has already dominated ours and we are striving to excel ourselves in their culture and the next stage to reach would be their religion. The Creoles have nothing to do with agriculture which their ancestors abandoned as being synonymous with slavery when they were liberated in 1835 and they are now mostly artisans while the white creoles are the backbone of all the political, cultural and social activities of this country. As for the whites they are the source from which comes everything that flows in Mauritius and which reaches down to the lower strata of the creole population.

A great number of the creoles or the general population is poor but clever and intelligent. Even the illiterate among them know the rudiments of health and live with a certain style and I am under the impression, having regard to the increase in their number, that they in relation to the Indians particularly the Hindoos give more births, live longer and do not lose by conversion to other faiths except a few—especially the women to Islam. It is probable that a number of them of easy circumstances might be practising the birth control or what they call contraception methods. In spite of this brake their number has continued to increase steadily on account of the causes mentioned above. The Catholics have a special establishment called "Mission Indienne" and Protestantism which is a state religion has its centres to convert to their faiths the non-Christians where Hindoos are cordially invited and helped. Thus the latter goes to swell the number of the former and according to me the principal cause of the increase in number of the creoles is this conversion.

In the Census report, the Indian Christians number about 3,500. This small figure certainly refutes my contention that the increase of 50,000 in the General Population during the last 24 years was due firstly to the movement of conversion. As far as I know these Christians are mostly composed of a section of the Madras community, who marry among themselves, retain their Hindoo surnames and civilisation and in this way keep their nationality intact. I think this is the reason why they have been distinctly classed as Indian Christians in the census report. Those who entered deep into the sea of Creoles through marriage and civilisation, became creoles in turn and were enumerated as such.

Their Influence

Let us now try to look at the relation existing between Hindoos and Creoles. Hindoos are in daily contact with creoles and are influenced by them. The Hindoo intelligentsia appreciate and the ignorantsia admire and in this way from top to bottom we get ourselves smeared with their culture and civilization as we had done under the Moghul rule in India including our names such as Daulatram, Goolamsingh, Jawaharlall, Goomani and Fakeer which are all Muslim names and the Hindoos of the time found no fault with it. History repeats itself and the Indo-Mauritians are simply following suit in the 20th century from the Crescent to the Cross.

Although we are accustomed to accomodate ourselves with and digest the foreign civilizations in the past before the advent of the Muslims, the attack from the West seems to be irresistible. Formerly nobody made any propaganda against those civilizations, cultures and religions but to-day we are fighting our adversaries with weapons such as our ancient civilization, Upanishads and Gesta in one hand and the atomic bomb in form of a bundle of certificates given by the European authors and philosophers for our spiritual knowledge in the other, with no avail.

The average Hindoo makes no distinction between religion, philosophy and ethics. The praise showered upon the Hindoos is for their philosophy and their moral teaching and not for their God Krishna of milk maids whose idol they worship. Max Muller who speaks so highly of the Vedas condemns unequivocally the fall and degradation of the race which descended so low as to invent most grotesque and nasty stories associating them with the heroes and making the whole thing as exploits of Gods under the title of Pooranas which means mythology. The three-mouthed Brahma, long drawn tongue Durga, four-landed Krishna, elephant faced Ganesh, tailed God Hanuman, bearded Mahadeva and the Linga God plus the trees and streams are some of the forms and objects of our religious worship and all are the creations of the pooranic literature. No European author has ever granted any certificate for this pooranism or popularly called Hinduism.

men sometimes compare the three mouthed Brinha with the Christian trinity Linga God with matter and force and so on. But the explanations or interpretations never reach the masses and hence the mischief. The time and the circumstances, when these stories received the religious sanction are no more and we must act therefore accordingly by treating them as mere relics of the fancies of the past.

Christian and Muslim missionaries expose the objectionable matter of the Pooranas to the eyes of the Hindos and get converts. To Christianity alone we have given about 10 millions in India. The defenders of the Hindoo religion say that there remains hidden a great secret in the forms and objects sanctified by Pooranas and indulge in attacks upon other religions just for the sake of diversion. The credulous Hindos by these tactics derive some consolation and thus perpetuate the error they are living in. The Arya Samaj alone without fear or favour has been and still is defending the cause of Hinduism for the last 35 years but the movement itself is now showing signs of lassitude and exhaustion though it has succeeded in creating a healthy atmosphere within the precincts of Hinduism.

In the Schools

The education we receive in our schools and later in the foreign universities is called liberal because it is free from the religious prejudices held by the beliefs and therefore goes counter to what the Hindoo boys see and learn at their homes.

The creolization of our body and soul begins at the very tender age of six years when our children attend the primary schools. The teachers, the instruction and the atmosphere over there all unhindoo. Two or three years after visiting the schools certain notions touch the brains of our boys. They have by this time picked up a few words of English and French and exhibit them to their household. They are proud of their acquisition of something new and the parents admire and share in the feelings of the former. In this way their nerve centre grows and develops and in later years gets fertilized by the pollen from Shakespeare and Milton without any religious or cultural antidote from their homes except the sight of the apparels worn by the female members of their families plus their soft and loving heart.

When growing up

Our youth see Desdemona and Portia of Shakespeare in their college studies and experience vacuum when they come back to their homes. This sets them thinking with the inevitable inclination and desire to find one in actual life from quarters not their own. They are taught to solve the problems of Algebra but they are baffled when they are required to use their sharpened intellect to solve the problems of life connected with their caste system, customs, food, gods and living because they never had read any lessons on these subjects in their curriculum. Such is the turn out of our schools.

The funny side of it is that the father who has spent his hard earned money on the education of his son becomes meekly obedient to the wishes of the latter because the awe and the prestige of his certificate cow down the spirit of the orthodox old man and in this way the whole household is contaminated with the boys' occidental learning which eats at the vitals of the eternal Hindoo outlook.

Let us stop here and see before we proceed further what the Hindoo religion is.

The sources of Hinduism

Hinduism is unlike Christianity or Islam each having its one book and one prophet only, as body and soul of their faiths whilst Hinduism is contained in the massum of books (nobody reads them) by the present and unknown sages written at different periods, recording contradictory statements and varying from province to province. The present Hinduism comes from the original Brahmanism when it was confined to those only who practised it about 5 or 6 thousand years ago in prehistoric times. To day, everybody is asking who is Hindoo. The great Sanskrit scholar of international fame the late B. G. Tilak could not define the word Hindoo. The definition given by him was subsequently found to be inadequate to cover the whole field of its scores of sects. They say that modern Hinduism is a Jumble of loose beliefs, creeds, customs and traditions married by the speculative philosophies. Sikhs, Kaberas, Bramho, Ram-kri-hna, Aryan and a number have all their worships and prophets (Gurus) and they are all Hindoos! !

One thing emerging from the chaos obtained in our religion is the desire for the reformation of the society from Buddha about 2500 years ago down to the 19th century reformer Dayanand with their rise and fall. As for the latest mission of the Arya Samaj I hold my hand at the prediction for the time being because of the fact that it is elastic and flexible and can be made to adapt itself to the needs of the day.

Creed of annihilation

The first shattering blow to the heart of Hinduism came from Buddha who preached morality, condemned sacrificial fire, destroyed faith and ignored the existence of God. His followers made a frontal propaganda of Ahimsa (non killing and hence non-eating of animal food) although Buddha himself who came from the Mogolian stock is said to have died of indigestion of eating pork in excess! The martial spirit of the Indians then began to wither when the Emperor Ashok published his famous rock edicts (stupas) commanding his subjects to abstain from eating flesh and made the Hindoos physically weak and spiritually sinners to take the sword in defence of their country. The annihilation of the desires is the goal of the Buddhist teaching to be attained by all sorts of asceticism and mortificatory practices which naturally must result in the destruction of all the vitality of the nation.

Creed of Illusion (Maya)

A thousand years later the great Sankar Acharya delivered the knock out blow to the already tottering Hinduism by defeating the Buddhist annihilation and substituted his own illusive theory stating that the world is false. The country, the kingdom, man and material, all false why run after them? The salvation lies in fleeing from this unreal world. The only thing real and lasting is Brahman—God. Everything created must perish and therefore do not attach yourself to anything. Marry and Multiply but without attachment! Such are our doctrines. All the noxious beggars of India in the forms of yogis, sadhoo's, sanyasis, saints, etc., numbering about four millions are the outcome of the teachings of those two Mahatmas who are infecting the Hindoo society with their vicious examples by living as parasites for more than 2 000 years. I want to invite here the particular attention of my readers to the fact that the fight between Buddha and Shankara was not on the score of religious dogmas but it was a mere academic discussion or a philosophical duel between two schools of thought. Shankar tacitly accepted the non violence and the moral living theories of Buddhism and tried to

revive the original moribund Brahminism by reinstituting the sacrificial fire as an essential part of every Hindoo rite. We have thus forgotten the meaning and purpose of this ceremonial igniting of fire known under the names of Havan or Yaj, that we call it now Agyari, derived from word Ag, the fire.

Its aspects

Islam created a faith, broke from the past and preached same with vehemence and violence. So was Christianity while Brahminism, Buddhism and Hinduism only made polemics and did not break the heads of each other but lived together and allowed themselves to act as their conscience dictated

Hinduism did not come like a typhoon, it came creeping imperceptibly and has enveloped us in such a way as the tentacles of the octopus close in on its victim. Hinduism therefore is not a work of one man but a thousand hands have helped to dig, fill, build, demolish, reconstruct, repair, add, cut and alter the present Hindoo edifice. They say too many cooks spoil the broth, but for the Hindoos every artizan or the sage who has taken part in the process, is a divine personage. Both builders and breakers to be honoured equally !! Any wonder if the preachers of unity and organisation among the Hindoos cry in the wilderness here and in India as well

Again this Hindoo house is not a Dharamshala for the accommodation of the rank and file, The inmates of the house are the first three privileged castes peoples called "Dwijas", while the Shoodras and their kindred people are out of the pale of Hinduism. Even among the above three the ignorance of their religion reigns supreme except with few Brahmin families who if not by learning but through tradition have preserved some relics of the past. This means that Hinduism was not intended for the masses. It was an occupation of some and in course of time became a profession of a few

Let me try now to penetrate a bit deep into the riddle of our present day Hinduism. According to me a man who adheres to the laws-practices and customs of the caste in which he is born, is a Hindoo. He has nothing to do with the injunctions of the books, only the custom prevails. He need not go to the temple, worship his idol and offer the prayer. If he held any rite, his

share in it is to sit, watch, gesticulate, pay and feed without ever opening his mouth in front of a priest.

A wife from his caste is his primary asset to work upon. Then comes the question of food and drink which is also regulated by the customs. One is allowed mutton while the fowl is taboo for another. Then there is a loose sheet covering the Hindus with their reverence for cow and the gods such as Rama, Krishna and Shiwa etc..., and their representative Brahmin as well.

Kabir Nanak, Dayanand, Gandhi all denounced the Hindoo caste system in vain. Every Hindoo reformer has declared that the caste system of the Hindus is a scourge and therefore present day Hinduism based on this system is an affliction ministered by the hands of God. The castes came into existence on the grounds of colour bar or the racial discrimination when the early ancestors of Hitler and Indra, the worshippers of Swastika, and Sawitah latterly called arjans came from icy regions somewhere in the north and settled in India a few thousand years ago. They ought to have done the same thing that the whites are doing to day with non whites all over the world. The sanskrit word varna, means colour and which is used in religious literature as "trivarnic" meaning the three upper castes. One should compare the colour and features of the Bramhin and the Chatri groups with those of other castes and he would find the truth of what I say about the genesis of the caste system. In course of time this political and social differentiation degenerated into a religious institution which has now become a religion itself. Our ancestors may have reason to act as they had done and I think we too can break this colour bar of our time as it has outlived its purpose and now become a gangrene of our society.

To put it into a nut shell the feeling of veneration to cow, castes, gods and Brahmin constitutes the religion of the Hindus and not the faith in particular as misted upon by other religions. I explain here what I mean,

Ancient books

Our Geeta of international renown sung by Lord Krishna ordains to pursue anyone of the four paths leading to our salvation namely the knowledge, rites, yoga and devotion, these

again branching off in many sub paths The goal of life is salvation The life and the world are mere hand maids of this goal Here Geeta strikes at the unity of the religious tenets and teaches the diversity of the service, Nothing is obligatory Everything is optional You may worship an idol or contemplate the formless, Either hear or sing His name. You may perform rites or may not The castes are good but for the wise a cow, a dog or a Brahmin are all alike!

It appears that there were countless sects and cults among the Hindoos when the Geeta was composed and instead of mopping up these disruptive elements gnawing at the sinews and muscles of the Hindoo body and establish one uniform religious system for all Hindoos, the Geeta tried to please the followers of every conception and intention then current in India In the camouflaged language of the day, the Lord's song accepted everything and rejected nothing. The Geeta then became such a medley of multicoloured ideas and ideals that it was impossible to distinguish one from the other Commentators then added their own interpretations and now nothing is discernible in this mingled mass of conglomeration Till yesterday the Sanskrit scholars understood the Geeta as preaching the cessation of activities and was intended for the people in retirement when they were incapable of taking any active part in the worldly concerns. All this has now changed and the beginning of this century saw the Geeta in quite a different garb and a preacher of Mauritius tells you that the sacred book exhorts us for action and is meant for the young. They say Geeta is for the warrior and not for the aged and the infirm Such is our Geeta transformed from death to life!!

If a Hindoo put flowers on and plays at the tomb of Perre Laval or makes his offerings to the Tajia (Ghoon) he can defend his act by quoting or reciting a verse from the Geeta The Upanishads are the source of the Geeta and the Ramayan and the Mahabharat the two famous Epics narrate in the same vein. If you will go through the dialogues of the heroes and heroines of those epics, you will be confounded to recollect which book prescribes ethics and which defends the dead. The story of a man or elephant, of the Mahabharat in connection with the death of Ashwathama the son of Drona the archery preceptor of the heroes of the poetry, is a typical one Such episodes abound in our ancient books and the people do not know which way to go

In India, committees of scholars are set up to investigate into such literature and sift out the original from the interpolations by the later authors inserted with a view of bringing the original to conform to the current ideas of their periods. In the meantime the Hindi Ramayana of Tulsidas written three hundred and a few decades years ago during the Muslim rule with subsequent adulterations thereto by other poets, remains

an encyclopaedia of the then Hindoo India for us in Mauritius never dreamt of by Wilmshurst who had flourished about three thousand years ago. Then the Manu Smriti etc. which are our penal code with the ritualism embodied in the sixteen rites from birth to death, also regulate the outlook and the conduct of our life throughout our existence. All this pours out constantly upon the heads of the Hindoos in the form of prohibitions, restrictions and taboos, etc. as a cold douche which causes their brain to remain always frozen below zero.

This caste ridden and terrorstricken society sometimes tries to shake its religious yoke but without success.

Sikhs

The only man in historic time in the 16 century who was able to free his disciples from the trammels of Hinduism, was Nanak. He swept away all the Hindoo books, idols, worship, castes and tradition etc., and a later Guru, Govindsinh, transformed the peaceful followers of the sect called Sikhs into lions. Every sikh is a sikh also written sing that is to say a lion, and these lions of Punjab were the first to stop the invasions from north and now form the backbone of the Indian army and are foremost in the defence of our beloved Aryavarta. Their martial bearing and the feats of arms displayed in the past and present distinguish them from Hindoos of the other parts of Hindostan who look on them with honour and pride. A few of them to be counted on the fingers of one hand were enough to establish the Arya Samaj in the teeth of the opposition from thousands. We all know that a certain number of these stalwart sipoys are indispensable for the maintenance of discipline and order in His Majesty's local prisons. In short when Hindoos ceased to be so they became heroes.

All other creeds renounced some aspects of Hinduism and pronounced for other, thus disfiguring the image more and more. They only helped to further disintegrate the Hindoo society unlike the Sikhs who believe in one God as defined by the Upanishads and reject all superfluous matter heaped on His name by the five lance sages.

CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Faith generates the force and resistance but in the case of Hindoos, their faiths being shaken by the philosophic speculations, are devoid of all sense of resistance and fall an easy prey to anything they are presented with. What they call the fight for principle is unknown to the religious history of the Hindoos. A number of sacred or divine principles

make up a religion. Millions of Muslims and Christians have laid down their lives in their "Jehads" and Crusades (holy wars) respectively. But the Hindoos have taken refuge when confronted with force in meek submission, first initiated by Buddha and in which we glory by coining a new term "non violence" a weapon of the weak. What are our religious fundamentals? You must pray and worship is the commandment of a holy book. Our shraddha rite (after-death) also is a religious function for the relief of the departed. But our Karma theory intervenes which postulates that the laws of Karma are unalterable and no amount of prayers or religious performances 'woud save man from the consequences of his actions. In this way the beliefs or the sacred principles of the Hindoos always vacillate

Karma Theory

Let us now examine our famous KARMA theory. Karma means act. We believe in the reward or punishment allotted to us according to the merit or demerit of our acts performed either in this or in the previous existence of our lives. In popular language we reap what we sow. This speculation has found a large place in our beliefs and has made a deep and wide incision into the body of the Hindoo religion.

I steal and pray God to pardon me for the act. Karma theory answers no, God never pardons a sinner. He must suffer for what he has done. God, prayers, books, worship rites and fasts all then become superfluous and we expect nothing good from Him in return for what we do to please Him.

I ask my readers to observe that there exists a very wide void in our society between pen and plough and this space is occupied by non-Hindoo. They are nowhere in the field of arts, crafts, trades, sports and industries. They are not producers but mere consumers, not actors but spectators. Why? Because these speculative theory of Karma has killed the spirit of initiative, adventure, imagination, perseverance, rivalry, leadership and above all zest for existence out of our lives.

In Mauritius the mass of these wavering minds come under two fires. Christianity and Islam, the flames of which are threatening to envelope us in a future not very distant. The whole lot of the Tamilian Hindoos of the sister island Bourbon (about 40,000) look to the prophet of Palestine for their spiritual guidance. Jamaica, Trinidad, etc..., colonies tell the same tale.

Hinduism abroad

Hindoo immigrants on their way overseas are served by the non Hindoos and it was enough for the former to consider themselves as fallen angels. Hindoos long abstained from eating potatoes and tomatoes are still a red rag to many. Fresh running water and the banana leaves satisfy their spiritual needs and as the ships carrying the immigrants can not be provided with these sacred items they are drawn either by the cross or the crescent in their orbits. Many upper caste people used to take away their sacred thread and dedicate it to the sea to save it from being polluted by the unHindoo conditions found on the sailing ships. They thus deliver their body and soul into the hands of non Hindoos after they have done away with their religious insignia.

Such is our present day Darling Hindoo religion !

These things have happened and are happening before our eyes and our history too reveals the same facts. The Emperor Asoka about 2200 years ago sent the Buddhist missionaries beyond India to preach the religion of Ahimsa non-violence but we see the so called followers of Buddha of the Mogolian race practise this religion with long knives in both hands, whilst in other countries no trace of it is visible. Their prejudices and not the convictions form the basis of the faith and when these prepossessions come in contact with foreign civilizations, they melt and with them the remaining faith also dissolves. The readers will see how Buddhism or Hinduism has met its fate in foreign countries in the past, with the present running parallel to the old. In short Hinduism on foreign soil does not take root and in course of time, dies. Main attack comes from food and drink.

Food and Drink

More I think of the restrictions and prohibitions imposed by our ancients on certain articles of food and drink, more I become convinced that the interdictions were originally not conceived by the considerations of hell or heaven but on practical reasons then prevailing in the country.

For instance the cow killing is a most heinous, hideous and shocking sin a caste Hindoo can commit and occasionally blood is shed in defence of the animal although all the world over including our tiny spot, slaughter houses are established to feed the people with beef and in this connection I may state that the frontier King of northern India entertained Alexander the Great's armies with some ten thousand fatted calves; two thousand and three hundred years ago.

In our ancient literature cow figures most prominently. Brahmins were paid not in cash but in cows and we all know how we seek the first rate religious merit by making a "Goudan" gift of a cow. In fact this animal formed the main article of the wealth of ancient India. Battles were fought for stealing or driving away the cow herds. The stories of Virat and Wasistha are instances in point.

In India famines sometimes lasted for years and absence of roads, bridges, transport and communications shut off succour to the afflicted area from other parts of the country. Men died, cattle perished, and fields abandoned. The wisest of the lot scented the calamity and escaped with their quadruped in time and went to the places where their herds took them grazing on the journey. Their belongings were borne by the bovine animals and milk was the only nourishment with perhaps some bulbous roots found here and there while searching for food and forage on the way.

Hindooes consequently through these recurrent incidents of droughts and dearths learned the paramount utility of the cow and respected her more and more till she became a sacred animal and finally attaining to the title of the "Mata", further aided by the Ahimsa of Buddha.

Any wonder then the prohibition of cow killing became a stern Hindoo law in course of time and to day an unexpiable sin. This consideration was extended to other animals with more or less effect with teaching of non violence intermingling. Grains and vegetables also come under the proscribed articles in certain seasons of the year.

You can smoke gandia and drink Bhang very harmful to health, ceremoniously but you are not allowed to have a grog, from a Chinaman's shop. In this way our religious penal code confined to the stomach without any reference to health and strength has been prepared and this has remained the main theme of our religion for centuries.

Faulty Economy

From the economic point of view, there appears a blank on the credit side of the Hindoos in the books of their accounts. Most of them eat flesh and drink alcoholic liquors but they would not breed animals or work distilleries for the purpose. No Hindoo shop keeper or hotel keeper successfully competes with his non-Hindoo colleague as the former is not allowed to sell the above articles or their preparations. And if he is bold enough to flout the opinion of his coreligionists by exposing the objectionable articles for sale then the latter abstains from buying the goods from the former's shop through fear of letting the Hindoo shopkeeper know of their irreligious practices. It is a well known fact that the caste Hindoo does not accept food from another Hindoo not belonging to his caste.

This is only one aspect of the question. Industries such as spinning, shoe making and hundred and one other articles made of skin and hide are all in the hands of non-Hindoo. Thanks to our religion which has killed this most important social service. Was not Mahatma Gandhi right in teaching his son the art of shoemaking? Again our items of food and drink have given us a mentality. A Hindoo in a non-Hindoo shop, especially a Chinese one is a gay bird where he behaves as man to man and amuses himself to his heart's content while every Hindoo to the other of his kind is an object of apprehension, suspicion, reverence or haughtiness when they meet each other. This attitude varies according to the level of the contacting parties high or low fixed by the castes.

Hindoo therefore generally speaking elude the company of their brethren as much as they can and this seriously interferes with their economic undertakings. Thus a Hindoo finds himself a forlorn individual and is exposed to the dangers consequent upon that situation. The recurrent communal riots in India are due to this state of things in spite of the very big number of the Hindoos.

Again no sooner they leave their homes and come on the highways they are asked by the non-Hindoo conveyer to pay for the fare. In town all sort of articles are sold to them by the latter. The only occupation left to them is the growing of greens but not for sale same, except retailing as the non-Hindoo contractor

are there to receive lion's share in the wholesale transactions and in this way the Hindoos are economically drained white everywhere and suffer in consequence in all matters. Money and might go hand in hand, no money no might.

Few people are conscious as to how this Saga of stomach acts upon our character. Most of us eat meat but at the same time we want to hide the fact from our coreligionists.

This brings us to a mentality bordering on hypocrisy and I have seen people sheltering themselves when caught or suspected, behind the shield of bad habits of their creolised children and so on. This however is a mere straying as I am not treating here the subject of our character.

Let me come now to other aspect of the question fundamentally affecting our physique and which has kept us to the bottom of the ladder in this respect I simply quote the authority.

Dietary Douche

Expert Mr Wilson in his final report on "Nutritional Investigations in Mauritius 1942-45" says that the boys and girls of African descent are heavier than the Hindoo boys and girls for the same height ratios. Readers should note the word Hindoo.

He then cites the opinion of 86o/o of the Medical Practitioners who consider that children and adolescent of field labourers, Hindoo, Tamil and Muslim, are particularly affected by malnutrition. Again 82o/o of them say that there has been a deterioration in the health of the working classes in the past 25 years. (who are mostly Hindoos).

Mr. Wilson further remarks "a possibility of insufficiency of animal protein appeared to be the *most deficient feature* of the labourer's dietary" etc, etc,

If we cannot aspire to increase our number, we should at least try to preserve what we have and hence this dab at food and drink. But Mahatma Gandhi is explicit on the subject when he suggests the Government of India, vide Indian Information of 15. 4 1946, to use the Royal Indian Navy for augmenting the country's supplies of fish.

I ask my readers however to please note in this connection that I am not attempting to impose my views on them. I am a fond reader of

literature and I have simply sifted and placed before them for their guidance certain facts from the mass of material found in the books on the subject

Nowadays people are challenging the old authorities on the ground of their incompetency in the matter of modern knowledge and research and they hold that the so called inspired words of the impulsive and emotional personalities of the past and may be in the state of hallucination, no doubt in good faith and very best for the time can not be binding upon them to day and therefore they are not inclined to submit themselves to their admonitions

So that I do not expose myself to this kind of attack from my learned readers as I am 'O' on the subject of nutrition and the allied questions and refrain myself from expressing an opinion thereupon Has not however this Chouka—Cnoolha back ground of our religion been the primary cause of Hinduism not taking root in foreign lands and finally perishing?

What we know with certainty however is this About 500 years ago Kabier condemned animal food and prescribed Kac choo Rason and the like for his followers and whose sect is now a history, while Nanak allowed same and his disciples—Sikhs less than four millions, are a living force and constitute a factor in the politics of India.

By Gone Wisdom

Knowledge of the Prophets or reformers born in an unscientific age when discoveries and inventions did not add to their stock and trade was confined to the place and people where they lived Our old books mention Himilaya, Aryawarta, Ganga and Brahmin Kshatriya etc, although Africa, Japan, America, Alps and Rhine did exist at the time Again look at these things.

The most primitive form of drinking water has been from the hollow of the palm of hand and which is now known by the term of Achman Then came the leaves of mango-tree followed by the use of honey as a drink (natural product) considered to be the sacred items in the performance of religious services.

Why not spoon and coffee? The original Coombha (the earthen water ju) was substituted in the beginning of the last cent

tury by the brassy one and nowadays they use the shining white Lota of alluminium in our rites. Here I like to make a present of an interesting and authentic piece of evolutionary process rooted in the prehistoric times and flowered in our great grant-fathers' memory. Our Dhurbasina. A seat made of a grass locally called "Vetivert" spread loosely on the ground to sit upon with crossed legs. Then came deer skin followed by Peedha a square low wooden seat. Then appeared stool, bench and finally chair with our legs dangling in the air.

Readers will notice the stuffed pad and pillow still used by the Indian jewellers to sit upon.

It appears then that the jars of clay or copper as well as grass, skin, cane and wood have equally quenched the spiritual thirst of our people. Why not apply this wholesome principle wholesale in accordance with the exigencies of this age. Traditionalists always forget, owing to their excess of zeal for what they are doing, the purpose, practice, period and place of the things when they first came into existence and hence the trouble. Reformers acted in good faith but their followers in fear of losing their acquired positions and privileges, oppose by all means in their power, the march of events and unwittingly help foster a tendency towards retrogression. I know our leaders clumsily fastening Dhotees on and attending the Poojas. Not the cloth itself but the fashion of binding same stands as the symbol of religion which influences the onlookers and sustains them in their leadership.

Our old lights gave us prescriptions and our gullet was the only vehicle then which carried the medicine to the stomach.

Modern luminaries give us more effective injections. What to do? I therefore warn, my would be critics that the clay jar of ancient wisdom and the Lotta of modern one would never live together. The clay one would inevitably break to pieces when collided with the metallic one and I do not want our old wisdom to meet with this sort of fate and therefore request my friends to keep it in safe custody for the admiring eyes and take full advantage of the new wisdom. I want to impress upon the minds of my readers that the Hindoo religion is an evolutionary one and I produce evidence in support of my allegation,

No Religious Era

We have our Rishis, Buddha, and Sankar who have each given us a religion. But we do not count our years either from their births or deaths as do the Christians and Muslims. Nor it occurred to anybody to fix a point of time with the career of our great heroes Ram and Krishna who later even assumed the proportions of God. The honour of the Hindoo era has gone first to king Wicram and then to Shilwahan. We anyhow divide our time into four Yoogis i.e. ages. But the Yooga does not commemorate the exploits or exposition of one person. It rather indicates a certain civilization prevailing at the time. For example when we say Sat Yooga, we mean the godly age and when we talk of the Kali Yooga i.e. the present age, we understand it to be the age of devil. The European history cuts the time in five epochs: golden, dark, middle, renaissance and scientific which correspond with our divisions of time embodied in the Yoogis in certain aspects though not on parallel lines.

Question then arises as to why our ancients could not fix the time from the birth of any of the founders of our religious systems? The answer is quite simple. Our Rishis or Acharyas were not revolutionaries. They did not fall upon their people like a thunderbolt from the skies as we see in the semitic systems. They preached their creeds in mild, sweet and inoffensive language.

Again Vedas, Upanishadas, Geeta and Ramayan are all our Bibles. We never pause to enquire into the Chronology of or the subjects treated in these holy books. Why do we not find the story of Ravan and Hanuman in the Vedas or Kansa and Radha in Geeta? Language itself is another pointer to fix the periods of the writings. The students of the English literature know that H. G. Wells writes a language different from Dr. Johnson and who in his turn was distinct from Chaucer.

For us Hindoos all Sanskrit literature is alike and contemporary and descended upon us at the beginning of the world and therefore whatever is found therein is a gospel truth and which we call Sanatan. These holy books and our religious Gurus no doubt differed from the then existing systems but did not destroy them. They rather accommodated themselves with their predecessors and therefore readers will notice that our religion is a product of the evolutionary process and not the revolutionary one and this is the reason why we have no religious era.

There were political revolutions in India so far the dynasties of the kings are concerned and which is reflected in the Eras referred to above.

High time for Elimination

Evolutionary process does not eliminate altogether the character of the thing involved but gives shape by gradual advance from a rudimentary condition to a higher one. It rather transforms. But if the method becomes unwieldy and ungainly the thing perishes as is evidenced in the fossils including the famous DODO of Mauritius which has become extinct only a few centuries before.

This is what has taken place with the Hindoos. We began in the mist of time to commune with a super power through the Havan and ended with declaring "God I am" and "There is no God."

In this long march extending over thousands of years after the retreat of ice about 18,000 years ago our ancestors experimented with life, death, rebirth, food, drink, clothes, castes, Karma, Idols, rites, creeds, sects, dedication, worship, meditation, annihilation, illusion, orders, (4 Ashrams) 6 Schools of philosophy. (Shhat Darshans) miracles—fiction, (Mythology), astrology, imitation, incarnations and transmigration of soul, asceticism and so on all hypothetically.

These items I call accumulation which has blind folded the Hindoo society. Burdened and overwhelmed by the mass of these orders and counter orders we have become unmanageable and unworkable. This state produces confusion, perplexity and inertia tending to our disappearance if not extinction as a separate people under the appellation of Hindoo.

Let us therefore set ourselves to eliminate our ills one by one beginning with castes and idols which form the main stumbling block on the road to our unity, strength and progress. This done we shall then fall upon other disintegrating items and thus make the Hindoo race fit for survival.

There is no design in the Scheme of Creation, Every life has been so evolved as to protect itself by its offensive or defensive means. Hindoo life is the only exception to this all pervading principle which is not provided religiously speaking with any such weapons as does Christianity or Islam, and consequently he cannot stand the strain of the modern world, for existence. Strip the Hindoo of his diving suit and give him a fighting equipment which would enable him to establish his descent from those Aryans who had pushed their culture and civilization to India and Iran in the east and to Rome and Greece in the west.

Any Goal

Christianity is out to convert the peoples of the earth to its faith and is expending millions of rupees every year to that effect accompanied by sacrifice of their precious lives of both sexes followed by Islam. Hindoos cannot keep such ideals before their eyes handicapped as they are by their own barriers of beliefs. If we propose to a Chinaman or a Muslim we must ask him first to renounce his faith and god. We must tell him to worship our married Gods. In case they accept the question arises as to which caste they should belong.

One cannot live by him self, we must have a company, man is a social animal and therefore occasional converts do not find asylum in the Hindoo Society and this is the reason for the failure of our Shudhi movement. Hindoo unity sponsored 2 years ago by the late Madan Mohan Malaviya—the mightiest gun of Allahabad—and actively pursued by Shradhananda—The Hero of Punjab—became the only theme for writers and orators of India as a means of making Hindoo India a mighty nation. For the first fifteen years India saw a great effervescence followed by the murder of Hindoo leaders the first honour going to Shradhananda and the Muslim-Hindoo riots.

They started the movement of the all India Hindoo unity without first creating it in their respective provinces. Bihar an United province are strongholds of numerous castes where untouchability reigns supreme. Unity does not mean a gathering of people on a race day or in a cinema-house. It consists in free intermingling, free intermarrying and the identity of purposes. So that if the Biharees are unable to form themselves in one whole they can not ask the Bengalees to join them with the result that the movement known under the title "Shudhi-Sangathan" is on the wane.

So that the Hindoos have no religious goal before them to reach except the observance of certain customs when marrying etc and therefore there is no need for rivalry, strife and exertion. Here the principle of Biology intervenes which moves the life to action in order to survive in the struggle for existence. While our present day religion has kept us secluded, secure and passive with the result of our will to live as Hindoo is liquidated. Let us therefore turn to some other ideal which will give us

vitality, zest and glory and leave this aimless religion to its fate.

Early Christians and Mohamedans had their goals in Paradise and Jinnut respectively and the Hindoos too have theirs in Swarga but this last has been demolished by their Karma Creed and so we are like a derelict ship tossed by wind and waves and never in sight of shore.

Will reformers help?

Arya Samaj

In Mauritius we hear the echoes of India and which reach the ears of the Hindi speaking Hindoos first. Arya Samaj comes foremost in the diffusion of this propaganda but it encounters the same difficulties as in India. Intelligentsia keep themselves aloof from this body, ignorantsia do not want to move and the Arya Samaj remains with their head buried in the sand like the ostrich as if the danger has passed and the world does not exist for them. They resent the criticism and the worst thing they do is not to leave any religious heritage to their successors as I see the sons of the wellknown Arya Samajists do not take any interest in what their fathers do or do not.

Even the old Samajists themselves are turning their backs on their declared profession tempted by money, by marriage, might and mode. We thus see in the one and same generation the rise and fall of this reforming body. Arya Samaj has now split into several groups of particular castes; thus reverting to the old Hindoo system called 'Biradari', they mind money in the form of property more than the missionary work for which it was born.

Their motto or goal is to make the world Aryan and what is their progress in this direction? I fix the maximum number of the standing Aryans in Mauritius at about 4,000 who pay their subscription as members of their respective associations. There are 200,000 Hindoos and that means that the Arya Samaj in its efforts ranging over the past 35 years to aryanise them, has been able to influence only (20/0)-two per cent. How many centuries they will take to bring round the remaining 980/0 to their beliefs. We must not forget at the same time that the Arya Samaj has not been able to check the loss of 500 souls yearly to our community.

This reform movement came into existence with the express purpose of lifting the Hindoos on indigenous lines and in the presence of the

results hitherto obtained one's confidence in its future becomes shaken. I am afraid it might prove a one more sect unless the necessary changes are boldly and promptly introduced therein.

I have touched the Arya Samaj here and there though slightly at risk of my expulsion from the hierarchy of the Samaj after publication of this booklet as some of my friends in my confidence predict. I content myself in that case with the honour of being one of the peripatetics although in a very humble way, who have preceded me in courageously giving vent to their convictions if not here but in India. I believe in outspokenness and have always tried to act up to that principle at cost and peril. Anyhow my friends I hope, will not fail to sympathize with me in case the "malheur" arrives.

A Definition

The late Kaiser has said somewhere that all faiths are in fact founded on political considerations. He no doubt refers to Semetic systems of religion: Judaism, Jesuism and Mohammedanism.

Jews were in captivity for more than twenty years in Egypt and again Babylonia was their place of confinement. They were in modern language, in the camp of the prisoners of war. The historical facts give us the key to the teachings of this unfortunate, persecuted and exasperated people of the Old Testament as preaching "Tooth for tooth and eye for eye."

Jesus was in a helpless position. He was born a Jew but a Jew who condemned the practices of the Jewish hierarchy, was tried by the alien Roman Magistrate. He had neither following nor friends and therefore is not expected to retaliate to his enemies in so violent terms as used above by his predecessor Moses. This is the second key which opens the story of the love of the neighbour and non-violence preached in the Bible and which is stigmatized by the modern writers as weakness of the weak.

Then comes Islam. It begins with the flow of blood and all know the part played by the sword in the propagation of this system. All three believe in one God but after their own particular fashions as they do to day in the forms of governments of their countries based on Democracy but branched out in Socialism, Republicanism, Communism and so on fitting with the history, tradition, temperament and experience of nations.

It is obvious then that the Prophets of antiquity shaped their isms according to the needs of their cause country and climate and this method of starting new creeds, Kaiser styled as political systems.

If we now turn to ourselves we see the same phenomenon of power and privileges bestowed on certain Castes of our society to the exclusion of some others with the idea of monopolizing the political and temporal command to themselves.

I therefore subscribe to the definition given by Kaiser. At the same time I must admit to my regret that our religion has to all intents and purposes failed us politically unlike Jesus and Mohamad whose faiths gave their followers a power and supremacy over other peoples. It therefore follows that such religion which has kept us in bondage for centuries, should cease to exist. They say religion stands for the material and spiritual welfare of the people. I do not know whether we have been saved spiritually but I know positively the poverty, pestilence and famine stricken India has been the depot of the human material specially the Hindoos, for export to the foreign lands. An empty stomach and a bare body made up for the material conditions of the people and this is our material welfare !!

As Christians or Muslims, we do not want to dominate others nor we like them to dominate us and therefore I would have my religion based on this ideal.

Futur of Religion

Shri Ram explored the South of India and Alexander the Great opened the communications between east and west in the north of India. Since then we began contacting with the peoples of the world and to-day they are dashing against each other. Old movements took place in cyclonic fashions leaving very little or no trace behind them and the Statu Quo continued. In the his-

torical times the sharp sword of the Mahomedans made cuts into the body but failed to touch the soul of the Hindoos. The Christians (Europeans) with their pointed men have penetrated deep into their spirit. Christianity however is now on the back benches and the west is on the forefront. It has become the source of all political, intellectual and scientific activities of the world and the gravity of centre remains there. They have shut up their religion like the Black hole of Calcutta and only show it some respect occasionally as we do to our fore-fathers in 'Pitri' Puksha'. Their conquest of air, ether, earth and water and their power of "Pralaya" or "Kiyamat" as well as of saving the world from famers, floods and pestilence has astonished the religion ridden peoples of the east who too now focus their efforts on their own well being without reference of religion. Faiths, parishes, prejudices, practices and fashions are going. Mauritius is a miniature world where all the races of all the religions and denominations except "Shintoism and cannibalism, live side by side and react upon each other. Every day they are advancing to meet each other and no power on earth will stop them from effecting the "Doo Mela" in near future and I want that our party should meet on equal and honorable footing.

Good intentioned people stress the importance of ancient culture for our nation building on modern lines. I want to point out in this connection that the Russians when they talk about their culture they principally mean the literature on their Bolchevism or Communism and not their Orthodox Greek Church or ancient lore. So do the Germans, English or French also. I should therefore draw the attention of our enthusiasts to sift and select from the mass of our literature in order not to perpetuate us in the mentality of shrinking and shortening hitherto imposed upon us by the unbridled and factional writers.

They should rather direct their talents to the social and religious reforms. True, this is not a rosy path. They will surely come across resistance and suffer in popularity and

finance but they will surely be rewarded in their later years and will add a page in the annals of the history of the Hindoo Mauritius if they do some solid and lasting work for their community.

I therefore on this Radio and atomic age see no bright future for our present day religion. We dropped our primordial Vedic aspects and became Aryans. This second term also disappeared and we are known now by the name of Hindoo. In fact this last one is derived from Sindhu the great river at the top of India.

This naming is in itself a conclusive proof of the religious stages we have passed through and therefore we should have no scruples to jump on the fourth one, no matter what name we take, and what is in name?

Faith and Philosophy

We do not discriminate between faith and philosophy. When the latter flourishes the former fades and this is what has happened with all our beliefs. Philosophy plausibly explains the phenomenon of a particular subject in universally applicable terms, while faith trusts in the things local and limited and which fall short of satisfactory explanation when put to the test of laws and logic. One is a wisdom and the other is a wind bag. One is an expansion and the other a contraction. One emanates from the brain the other from the heart.

Subsequent reformers tried to retrieve and revive the old beliefs but without touching the encrusted philosophy and in consequence failed. Islamic fanaticism further confirmed the Hindus in their philosophic mind and we know what Kabir and Nanak have taught us. Ram and Rameem are one and the same being, is the crux of their teaching which further breaks the remaining Hindoo faiths.

The poet Tulsidas who followed 200 years later puts weight in his Hindi Ramayana, on the moral principles more than the occasional references to the matters of faiths such as worship, devotion, recitals and so on.

So that if the philosophy is wisdom then we are growing wiser and wiser as century after century passes by. How is it?

possible then for a reformer to perform a miracle of restoration to life the dead and discarded beliefs formed in our young age. Our reformers therefore must centre their efforts not on old, obsolete, lost and fossil conceptions but on the wisdom of our philosophy whose praise is sung by foreigners.

Faith, philosophy and practice are in conflict with the result of our religion being sabotaged beyond reparation. Fear, faith hesitation, worship, doubt, love, hate, hypocrisy, apathy, timidity, false pride, sycophancy, cynicism and so on have been the features of our present day religion bogged in the mire of annihilation, illusion, Karma, caste, Idol and animal.

Our culture mainly composed of these speculative teachings and the mythological stories is our patrimony and heritage. Has it served our material and spiritual purpose? I pose this question to the sociologists and social psychologists if they happen to be in our midst. Because they say that you may destroy a civilization but culture you cannot.

It therefore follows that there is no possibility of our ever being dragged out of this morass. No faith, no force, I illustrate my point of view by presenting a concrete case of faith and its power to my readers.

Zionism

The Jews are much in the news since some years. There is no parallel in the history of the world to this unfortunate but most 'privileged' people in their sufferings, persecutions, slaughters, deportations etc, etc, extending over the past 3 000 years. They practiced their religion secretly but fanatically since 1,000 years B.C. and exclusively believed in JEHOVAH their supreme Being and considered themselves His most favoured people. This naturally caused a suspicion and jealousy among their neighbours and consequently they had to live constantly engaged in deadly warfare with them. Sometime their whole number was captured and kept in bondage in foreign countries for years where they intrigued, plotted, cursed and made prophecies.

Writers have found out certain similitudes between the stories of their prophets Moses and the king of Egypt on one

side and those of our Krishna and Kansa of India on the other when the jews were in captivity in that land of the Pharaohs.

Romans 2,000 years ago subjugated and decimated them and their famous temple at Jerusalem was raised to the ground and the remainder escaped and fled to the four corners of the world. They were then wiped out from the face of this earth as a political unit and their history as such ended at that time with the loss of country, culture, language, and civilization. In course of time their old enemies the Romans and others also vanished but a new one sprang up called Christians who regarded Jews as most hated people of this globe because of the fact that they had caused the death of their Prophet JESUS.

Then flourished the sword of Islam about 600 years after the birth of christianism and the Jews were the first to fall victims to the fury of the Arabic outbreak. They are scattered all over the world promiscuously as if thrown by the wind, and live in batches detested and despised by their neighbours. As they were wanted nowhere, they had to live on their ancient profession of usury practised from generations. They thus amassed fortunes and acquired strength wherever they resided.

This economic exploitation of the peoples of their adopted countries further exasperated the latter who occasionally indulged in committing all sorts of atrocities on these hapless strangers. And we are familiar with the new term 'Jewish bait' which is of very recent origin and applied to the violent elimination of the Jewish element from the soil of Germany only ten years ago. I want to remind my readers in this connection that it was Judaism which gave birth to Christianity and Mahomedanism but to-day both of them have rebelled against their parent.

This Bird's eye view of the Jewish history prominently establishes one undeniable fact that their barque has successfully withstood the roaring waves of the seven seas and is now approaching the shore. They have grown up in foreign countries surrounded by hostile peoples with no culture, no language; and no civilization of their own and yet these down-trodden Jews from about 25 different nationalities are to-day fighting the mighty British Empire a grim battle of life and

They say that Moses the Liberator and in the case of Jews they have literally shaken the whole of the Middle East and have become a thorn in the side of the big Britain. Hunted, repressed, loathed and harassed by the world with no friends or sympathisers (except India where Parsees and Jews both ancient refugees are treated like the sons of the soil) for centuries, cannot be expected to stand for long. In a sense they are the untouchables of Europe and the Middle East. But LO, the followers of Moses and Israel have performed a wonder and have remained firm and united under very trying circumstances waiting for a suitable opportunity to raise their head again and which they are now doing. All the then contemporary historical nations such as Babylonians and Phoenicians etc are gone for ever without even leaving behind them any trace of their. But the Jews are there. This phenomenon of the survival of originally a small fraction of people 3000 years old is unique in the records of the world's history. What was the binding power which kept them steadfast strong increasing, undaunted uncrushed and with eyes fixed on the goal?

It is their faith in their God and in their book which has sustained them throughout their ordeals. Like flies they are in perpetual motion round the bright flame of their faith constantly burning in their hearts and we know what they have been able to achieve.

God has crowned their sacrifices of centuries with success and they have now won back their ancient home in Palestine as per decision of the U. N. O.

I have no objection if my brethren start anew and acquire a faith similar to this semitic race and work out their salvation through this agency. Faith requires certain dimness of vision and I hasten to assure them that this is an impossibility in this twentieth century of light, law, logic and democracy. Hindoos therefore should not waste their time, money and energy in fertilizing the sandy soil of the Hindoo religion. They should rather place before themselves a noble social-political ideal without any scope to hell and heaven and a

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Economically Hindoos are the most backwards section of the Mauritian people. They toil, sweat and suffer. But their religion or culture teaches them to live contented with what they get. According to them it is their lot. (Law of Karma)

There is no such thing as Hindoo culture. There are cultures like Tamil, Bengali, Gujarati, Bihari, Panjabi and so on.

Nobody in Mauritius and in India too has ever attempted to put forward his honest views in unequivocal terms respecting the past and present of Hindoos as I aspire to do. Unique opportunity presented to me to study at close quarters, all Hindoo India put in a nut shell of Mauritius (little India beyond the seas) together with non Hindoos, is denied to most other Indians who hardly know their own province This fact with no prejudice left in me. I believe, enabled me to write the 'The Truth at Last'

Hindoos of this Island are on the way to meet the fate of their ex brethren Tamilians of sister Island Reunion. Such self immolation of Hindoos—conversion to other faiths—is styled with boast by our political leaders like Mr J. N Roy as the 'wonderful adaptability' of Hindoos'

Tamilians came to Mauritius under French occupation as capitalists, traders and artisans. Today they are 'Ayya' only. Because Hindoos cannot stand in foreign lands.

Please read the last chapter every Independence day.
Know well that Vedas do not command
they relate.

Castes in Mauritius

Fortunately for us the monstrous Hindoo untouchability died on the way to Mauritius. The sailing ships took sometimes three to four months to reach this country from India. Their day and night contact with each other on board the ship produced a feeling of comradeship among the Immigrants and thus the so called polluting touch automatically departed.

Here the French Masters did not make any discrimination between the upper and lower castes people and all were equally pressed and crushed under the steam-roller of the then indentured labour system. This state of things again helped foster communal feeling and all went well. The second generation found themselves in relatively easy conditions and their blood warmed up again. The hotter among them began sending emissaries in search of sons and daughters in law of the desired castes.

Like the olden kings of the sun and moon dynasties they discovered sources to establish their identity and to-day they are in a better position after three generations in this Island to claim this country of their adoption with pride and faith of their fore fathers as a second India. Such is the prejudice of their caste mentality embedded in the blood and bones of the Hindoos that many writers are sceptic as to the possibility of this demoralising disease of ever getting rid of this race.

It is true that untouchability here has been washed away and the attitude towards this question has been much neutralised but the odour of this ugly spot on our religion still persists and this at once creates a feeling of odium as soon as we learn the incidence of the so called low birth of the person we come in contact with.

This is only a first step that we have begun considering ourselves as no more to be defiled by the touch of a member of the fourth estate of our society popularly styled Shoodras in Mauritius and Harijans

in India, a term coined by Mahatma Gandhi for the untouchables. The teaching of Swami Dayanada has made a healthy impression upon this portion of our community here who refuse to call themselves, Shoodras. They argue that their creed, culture colour, costume, food, drink, physique, and occupations compare favourably with the three upper estates and therefore they resent at being given an appellation which is a misnomer.

In India some years ago the question of the conversion to some other religion of the Untouchable numbering about more than 50 millions under the leadership of Dr. Ambedkar was mooted and the late Shankat Ali was the first to formally propose the absorption of the whole mass of this unfortunate people into Islam. Christian Missionaries were not slow to draw the attention of the Hindoo Leaders to the fact of their first establishing the schools and hospitals for the benefit of the Untouchables and raising their status all round. The Arya Samaj was no doubt to the fore front. Ambedkar however overwhelmed by the pressure and persuasion of the Hindoo leaders did not carry out his threat, but his followers have now learnt the tactics of obstruction to every project advocated by their ancient bullies Gandhi who had staked his life in their cause is not spared. The feeling sometimes reaches to the rage and results in the breaking of heads of the caste Hindoos.

Thanks god however this transformation of worms into wolves is not yet effected in this Island. But the signs are not wanting and we must concert means to absorb them before it becomes too late,

There are between 50 to 60 thousand people who belong to the so called Shoodra system born according to the Hindoo conception of the feet of the great Father. They believed in the story of their origin in blind faith and did not grudge the treatment they received at the hands of their overbearing Lords. But the new light has changed all this and today they are concerned more with their good than their old God.

Castes Contractions

The Hindoo babe hears certain names and sees some faces only of the members of its family or its caste in which it is born. Here it puts its foot for the first time in its narrow circle before it has finished the stage of walking on all fours. The doses of vague fear of ghosts and spirits simultaneously help dwarf the growth of manliness in the baby.

At the age of 3 or 4 years when he slips into the open and longs to meet his like, he is warned to avoid the company of certain children such as Creole, Mohammedan or so called low castes.

In this the child receives his first lesson to withdraw from the world of his kind. If he goes to school there he makes friends with the children generally belonging to his own caste. He accompanies his parents on certain visits or occasions where he finds the same faces or persons seen or heard before. At home he listens to the conversation of the elders usually confined to the people of his caste.

If the boy or girl happens to belong to the upper castes, a feeling comes on them that they are distinct from and therefore superior to the rest of their countrymen just because the incidence of birth has made them so. If he comes from the so called low castes a converse feeling correspondingly depresses him and the contraction of the childhood is thus strengthened in the boyhood and is confirmed in his youth when he marries in his caste.

Coupling

Wedding is the culminating function in the process of the Hindoo withdrawals. Sometimes months and years are passed before the choice is fixed in ascertaining the pedigree of the prospective bride and bridegroom so far the caste is concerned.

Mixed castes blood would not do and this is a vital factor which decides the fate of the would be spouses in orthodox adherents. In India it is terrible.

In his marriage he is publicly and ceremoniously installed as Ahser, Koormi, Thakoor, Washerman, Babaji, Babooji or Kayath etc. In India the nuptial function is a test of one's clean caste.

In Mauritius the blood of Hindoos, it appears, has become very thin and it now goes freely from one caste to another. Thank God I have survived to see my martyrdom thus acknowledged.

I think that Nazis of Germany were perhaps inspired through the deep study of the Sanskrit literature in their universities to borrow his blood scheme from India when we know how atrociously they enforced their party law to eliminate all traces of Jewish blood from the so called German Aryans and the consequent extermination of that unhappy race on that account.

The fate of Nazi Germany and their Acharya Hitler is staring at Hindoos. Would they learn? Muslims are teaching them this science since one thousand years. What always pupil and never professor?

The theory of the purity of blood has in fact destroyed the red corpuscles in our blood and we are suffering from anaemia both physically and mentally.

Course of The Castes

Caste is a Portuguese word and signifies an insulatory unit among the Hindoos. Every unit thus lives in complete isolation from its kind and makes the Hindoo world a house of cards to be collapsed at the first touch. Caste means religion.

What our worthy ancients said of the then religion?

We read about the exploits of Archery and literature by two kinds of people called Kshatriya and Brahmin viz: warrior and wise respectively. They were occupations, not the caste. The term 'Jatee' nowhere appears in the ancient books. Anybody could take to any profession according to his aptitudes.

We read Krishna tended cows who later became warrior, charioteer, mediator, king and philosopher. Can anybody tell me to what caste he belonged? He married Rukmini the daughter of a king and gave his sister Soubhadra to Arjun. Our Aheers say that they are descendants of Krishna and he was therefore an Aheer. That means the then Hindoo society had no objection for a milkman to become a warrior or a Guru if he had the necessary qualifications.

After the great battle of Maha Bharata the Aryans of India degenerated. They lost their culture and civilization and consolidated themselves into castes and arrogated the divine rights for saints and soldiers and this selfishness on their part made them an easy prey to non caste foreigners in course of time.

Manu and others later codified the laws of the castes and all the privileges of religious functions of practicing and presiding exclusively bestowed upon the caste of Brahmin's only.

In ancient books the word Dharma stands for duty and the four main castes are each assigned their particular duties and functions separately and the term Hinduism as we understand it to day comprising all the castes and sects found in land, did not exist by the time. That means with the exception of a few thousand Brahmins who knew their Dharma millions of other people were out of religion.

My readers therefore will clearly perceive that the term Hinduism is of recent creation and has nothing in common with the old Dharma and therefore it follows that this new Hinduism must be built on new foundation and shaped with new material and not on the obsolete duties, functions and privileges as enunciated in Smritis and Poorans. It is no use putting the old wine into a new bottle.

Curse of the Castes

Even in historical times castes counted and not religion. We all know how Hindoo kings fell one by one from North to South and East to West before the invaders from both land and sea. The King, his nobles and his caste fellows fought and fell while the vast majority of king's other subjects neither knew the incident nor cared for the change. Their every day life not being disturbed they had no cause to complain against the

new comers and were never affected either by political upheavals or dynastic revolutions. There was no common feeling and no common teaching. Every one was for himself. We witness this even in the Muslim-Hindoo riots in India. When certain castes are attacked, others look on. Thank God however the British-taught ideas of nationalism now make us feel the pinch on whatever part of the Hindoo body it is inflicted.

When two Hindoos meet they do so with some mental reservation as they do not know their mutual castes and this mentality of their nervous nature pervades the Hindoo society all through.

Some few, through their superiority complex ignore the Hindoo world while the remaining immensity through their inferiority complex, simply shun it and therefore every Hindoo is a stranger to every other.

As a result of which like the big game hunting in the dark forests of Africa, the Hindoo land has been an attractive theatre for the adventurous players from Alexander of Greece to Clive of England for the past 2,200 years and there is a danger of India relapsing into the state of chaos and anarchy after gaining her freedom, in the words of Mahatma Gandhi.

Muslims are our neighbours for upwards thousand years in India. They came in handful quantities but like the waves of the sea submerged India. Muhomud Guzman 800 years ago 20 times invaded our sub-continent always coming by the same route using same tactics and weapons and looting on the same scale. There followed complete calm in the country after every invasion as if nothing had taken place. Hindoos never tried to know who the enemy was and where from he came. Their religion, unity, organisation and strength all was a closed book to them. They never learned anything from them but disliked them on the ground of their appearance, food and garments. They never took counter measures to stop their expeditions but remained stuck to their respective castes which were in fact their state, jurisdiction and rule and consequently they had nothing to do with the

country at large or the rulers thereof.

The mutiny at Velore in Madras presidency in 1857 was due to the interference with the caste marks, dress and crossing of the sea when the British administration tried to introduce new measures in the Indian Army.

A King of Malabar coast used to supply the Hindoos of certain castes as sailors to the Arab traders in order to have the revenue of his kingdom increased. These traders were also allowed marry Hindoo women and their descendants now known by the name of Moplas have become a terror to the Hindoos. The king of the place did not think anything objectionable in thus forcing his Hindoo subjects to become Muslim, as the caste and not the religion were involved in the operations according to the notions of the time. Have we learnt anything since? To this day the colonial born Hindoos are not admitted in the Hindoo fold in India.

Let me warn my readers here that the Hindoo nationalist writers have distorted the historical truths with prejudice against British and preference for Muslims based on the false assumption that they will help Hindoos snatch the independence of India from British hands. But I do not want to imitate those good intentioned historians and have tried to represent the facts as they have occurred.

Cowardice of Castes

They gloat over the so called heroism [guerilla warfare] of Pratapsing while they conveniently and purposely omit to mention the fact how the king of Bengal Luxman-Sen in the 13th Century receiving the news that a Mohamedan Army was approaching the capital, fled with all haste abandoning his kingdom to the mercy of the invaders. This so called army was in fact composed of 18 pathan horsemen under the command of the intrepid Khilji. In a like manner the Muslim minister of Kashmir Mirza usurped the Hindoo Throne quietly.

A similar fate attended the king of Shriranga Puttum in the province of Madras when an adventurer called Haider in the service of the state deposed the Hindoo King and usurped the throne for himself five hundred years later. What little sprinkling of Muslim population is found in this province has been the result of the forced conversion of Hindoos to Islam by the son of the usurper Tippoo Sultan. The plight of Hindoos in his reign was simply pathetic and beggars description.

Hindoos in Gujarat, Bengal, Bihar, Madras and other provinces never moved. No rising, no revolt and no rebellion was there on the part of Hindoos against the foreign enemy of their creed, country and king. On the contrary the Bahmins served the Muslim conquerors including Tippoo. But this conscientious prime minister resigned his post and left the country where he could not desist Tippoo from converting Bahmins in mass by forcing them to eat beef.

Had he not been killed and defeated in battle by the English and the country (Mysore) restored to the original Hindoo line, Madras would have been to day another Pakistan in south like Bengal in east and Kashmir in north. The kingdom of Mysore will remain in the history of India a monument of gratitude for British. I say this is history.

I am getting hopeless about the future of our dear old Bharat Mata and want to expose the conduct of our fore fathers and ancients in the face of the violators of our sacred institutions. So that my brothers in faith may not grope any longer in the darkness, but come straight into the light and see how they can be saved.

Root Cause is Caste

All these evils political, social -etc primarily sprang up from the devision of society in hundred and

one caste each with its particular injunctions and the complete absence of national religion as a centre for the masses to rally round And secondly to the monotony of their outlook and the cynicism of their character engendered by the previously described recoils and the restrictions imposed upon them have made Hindoos adverse to all progress and advancement.

Food, fashion, people, practices, cloth and objects not seen before, frightened them They would not face them but simply retire. Muslim Idol breakers and Christian Idol destroyers are teaching Hindoos on kinder gentler lines. But they never took any counter measures to stop these things not learnt the philosophy of their doings. If one was broken, three new ones appeared / Aurangzeb only lately in the 18th century demolished the famous Hindoo temple of Vishwanath (Lord of the universe) of the holiest city of Kashi (Benares). About 2000 Brahmins bare headed went imploring Aurangzeb to spare their idol in vain. But not a drop of blood was shed in defence of the old God. Do you know what the Christian clergy of Europe had done to deliver their Holy city Jerusalem from the hands of Turks?

The Mugal emperor then created a grand mosque on the same spot and with the very material. Later the power of Sikhs helped Hindoos build a new temple nearby and since then both the gods are living quietly side by side under the protection of the third God of white people! Whites have left What they will do now?

This sort of history has repeated itself every where in India.

The guardianship of the idols and their revenues were the exclusive business of one caste the Brahmins. Next caste people the Kshatriyas were few and between, had either bolted or confined themselves to their houses as a resistance to the enemy on their part would have been simply suicidal.

The remaining thousands of the Holy city had nothing to do with the deity and were indifferent to its fate. Besides it was not the duty of other castes to take to arms as the fighting was also the monopoly of one caste only, according to the then divine distribution of work to the Hindoo mankind.

Imagine the havoc this caste system must have created throughout the length and breadth of that sub continent India when fanatic Pathans and Mugsals were running

It. And yet we remain in the embrace of these disgraced castes?

I do not censure the Emperor, neither his predecessors nor his successors because they acted up to their religious convictions and were justified in what they did according to the notions of the Muslim middle ages and which still persist.

I simply want to point out how our castes, creed and idols have been the cause of our total downfall and how we are floundering to come out of the mire without success.

Constancy of Castes

Let us now have a glance at the Hindoos of Mauritius. They are here for the past 200 years. Tamilians the early comers have still retained their red turban and chew the betel leaf while the Biharees who followed are proud of their dhotee of predecessors period.

I have seen most young Tamils pouring liquids in their raised mouths from the height of about 2 or 3 inches in the air. But I have not remarked whether their lips touch the glass when they take their grog. Other Hindoos drink straight from the cups or glasses but the Orthodox among them would insist that they be served with receptacles of some metal preferably brass. Spoons and forks are still the prohibited articles and it is a problem whether our woman folk will ever submit to their hair being bobbed.

Hundreds of Hindoos serve as cooks, butlers, gardeners and domestic servants etc in the houses of Whites and semi-Whites but would prefer their Muluck-Tani and Poodi to something else. They see all sorts of furniture there but would use their own mat which is a sacred article in the performance of their religious functions.

There are Indian christian families whose women wear Sadies of pre needle epoch without shoes although they have renounced their religion a century ago. The shoe has come on the feet of our women only a decade ago.

Look at the unprejudiced and free Chinese people and then you will be able to feel the grip of our civilization upon us. Our tacit goal is to be westernized and two centuries after, our present generation is on the transition period from east to west only externally that is to say on cloths and learning. Their ideas and ideals have not been touched yet, they have

taken two hundred years (in which period the British have surely fought 200 battles) to reach this stage on account of their recurring shrinkages through fear of pollution by contact with the outer world other than their enclosure of the caste. How many centuries they will take to reach the goal?

Glaring examples

Narrowness of the outlook and their to and fro temperament fostered by the caste prejudices have so wrapped the Hindoo society that even the high castes among them are unable to get rid of this noxious spell.

Look at the Desais and Mayarams. Two generations of these Mayarams (jewellers) have remained steadfastly weighing gold and silver. Some of them are now land lords (forced by Dalals) but they would never raise their eyes to look round to know what other people are doing. They can profitably invest their balances in some other business. But they would not. For their caste mentality prevents them from crossing the self imposed boundary.

Our Barrister, Mr Vaghjee has in fact committed a trespass but surely by the silent authority of the casteless atmosphere of this "l'Île de France".

Originally they were sword bearers that is warriors but but began to beat gold in the 13th or 14th century when their country Kathiawad in the west of India was being run by the fierce and fanatical Pathans and before they were either massacred or covered to Islam. Their formation therefore in the new caste of goldsmiths has thus its history. What would you say if the origin of other castes is buried in antiquity? Surely made in Heaven!

This consideration equally applies to Desais properly speaking Gujaratees. One of them, a benefactor of the Rama-krishna Mission, they say, is a cloth king. But he would never turn and glance at his neighbour merchant. There are a dozen rich Mohamedan merchants, coming from the same province and speaking the same language and who trade in various kinds of goods and commodities in the next street. Some of them are industrialists as well.

But the Desais enthroned for more than a quarter of a century on their piles of piece goods with a heavy crown of silver on their head, are so enclosed by the compound of their caste culture that they have lost the faculty of curiosity to know the contents of the barrels, bags, boxes, tins and cases etc excluding the planks, sheets and machinery passing every day before their doors ! Do you think our Hindoo horse even in the fair field of competition will ever win in the economic race of the country ? Unless of course you import some from a famous breed of Marwar

Desais surely are not so orthodox as Mayrams, most of them are congressists and show scant respect for religions. But they are entangled in the meshes of the customs and character of their caste that they too suffer from the same ailment of hesitation and vacillation in going forward by leaps and bounds

Our planters are easy and at home when they see the cart loads of their cane straining steadily on the road to the factory. But they would not mind to know how they are being drained by the new Motor transport, drink, cinema, cigarette etc, and whether they themselves with their surplus money can also compete with such undertakings

These ideas do not touch them for most of them belong to the farmers' caste or rather class and consequently are interested in their fields. The present generation privileged to go to schools, turn their faces from the fields but the down trodden castes called Shoodras remain there, due to their own caste habits and tradition plus the depression exercised on them by other castes

My readers perhaps do not know an interesting historical truth of how the Hindoos of the 18th century had fixed their religious frontiers of India. A well known figure in Maratha history the impetuous commander Kagoonath Rao swept through Pabnah and reached Attock a village on the river Sindhoonow crossed by the suspension bridge where Porus had stopped Alexander. Attock is a Hindi word which means stop — a barrier— The opposite bank of the river forms part of the north western provinces of India also called frontier provinces.

This province was inhabited by Mohamedans and therefore according to Hindoo Dharma it was sinful to step into the

country of unclean (Mlenech) and hence Attock. So the poor, Ragoonath being a Brahmin surely must have taken a dip in the river, prayed and withdrawn!

India is a peninsula and therefore they decided that the measurable expansion of salt water forms their another natural barrier and decreed accordingly that to cross it is a great sin and we know how Tilak and Gandhi had to undergo the purificatory rite for doing so.

Here we discover the fact why Hindoos do not possess a caste of sailors (Khalazi). All Indian sailors are Mohamedans. Most of the plying boats in our harbour are owned by the Kokai Muslims.

Nationalist writers will tell you however that the Hindoos had colonised America before she was discovered by Columbus or their soldiers had conquered Sinara!!

Well, the truth is that we shut up ourselves first in our own house and then kept our brothers at arms length giving each a separate call to live in se, cutting the Hindoo society in small pieces of castes,

It was the English who took the Hindoos first beyond the sea and land to fight their battles and although our Jews the Marwarces pile their fortunes within the boundaries of India, would not cross the bay of Bengal and reach Rangoon.

Yes, I refuse to lament over the past, I prefer to look ahead and therefore come back to our goal, two centuries more, perhaps earlier as we are on the descent and we are sure to transform ourselves in coloured Europeans both internally and externally. But we must not forget that we ought to be religiously nationalised and rationalised first before we reach the desideratum,

Nations and Castes

The Census reports of India reveal some interesting details concerning the gradual falling off of these castes. Some have been disseminated and others wiped out of existence on account of diverse causes such as smallness of the adherents of caste, their hereditary diseases, food, physique, epidemic, famine and their economic conditions. They never receive any assistance

and biologically remain stagnant generation after generation, regularly transmitting their vices, character and maladies from father to son and perish in the long run.

This thing has happened in Mauritius, in fact the smaller fishes have been swallowed by the big ones.

These remarks equally apply to other castes which are relatively superior in number. You will hardly find in any one province of India more than a million members allowed to intermarry in a given caste.

There are upwards of 3,000 castes and 300 tongues for about 300,000,000 Hindoos in India and 50 for 200,000 in Mauritius.

There are as many nations in India as in Europe. But the factor which divides one country from another is its language while Hindoo nations such as Madras, Panjab, and Bihar etc. are separated from each other through their religion, language, physique, colour and culture who in fact form distinct races. There are four groups of people called Dravidians who inhabit the south of India numbering about 100 millions called Tamil, Telugu, Malayala and Karnatak, each speaking different language with different script and culture, were found seriously quarrelling over their particular place and share in the administration of their country when the Hindoos of the Panjab and Bengal were fleeing for life before the fanatic Muslims.

These Southern nations are again divided and sub-divided their countless castes and out castes with breasts full of jealousy and hostility towards each other. They neither inter-dine nor intermarry and not even inter-sees and thus have remained for hundreds of years without any social contact between the numberless sections of the so called Madras community.

These considerations apply in more or less degrees to the other parts of Hindusthan which is now an independent country supported by the above sort of free states like our Gowardhan hill resting on the fingers of Shri Krishna !

Banya took Brahman gave

Mahatma Gandhi is Vaishya (Banya) by birth. He converted the army of congressists to his faith of no caste and no creed, swayed to non violence and took India from English and handed it over to the honourable Nehru a Brahmin by birth.

This army without teeth and nails had no training to face the dagger and was found wanting in the necessary qualities to cope with the unruly Muslim element of the Indian population and the captain Nehru with the broken heart had to give up the parts of India to the brandishing Muslim leaguers for the establishment of their Pakistan. Mahatma has said — HALF OF THE INDIANS ARE TOO WEAK AND THE OTHER HALF ARE TOO COWARDLY TO USE VIOLENCE.

Thank God however Mr Jinnah's unbridled haste for sitting on the throne of Pakistan forewarned the Hindoos to insist and obtain consent of the British for cutting of the would be Pakistan of Punjab and Bengal into two and it is hoped they will not have to witness in their parts the periodical killings, lootings, rape and forced conversion of their coreligionists anymore. God help the Pakistan, an evil in open, may prove a blessing in disguise for the remaining hindoos of India.

Can we ever forget that this transaction of take and give of the Indian empire is the first of its kind in the history of the empires of the world? In the words of Mr Churchill—"The Naked Fakir" demanded the British lion to drop down his mane—The Crown of India—and the latter yielded I revere both the hero and the saint.

But the fact remains that a Banya may obtain a fortune and a Brahmin may claim his share in Dakshana from him but both of them are not good at keeping and preserving same and this is what has happened in India. We want Kshatriya who can defend it, namely: the country, but we cannot ask SUN and MOON to shower them upon us from above but must create them ourselves.

In Europe and in other countries they fight and perish for an inch of soil of their country but the Hindoos ceded to the noise of steel, and allowed Muslims to seize the big slices of their ancestral homeland without fighting.

The martial spirit has left the Hindoos since the invention of Ashok's wheel and the Sikhs brought it back only when they threw up both wheel and couch and grasped spear and sword.

Every man is a soldier in this democratic age and therefore the present Hindoo structure built of castes material must be pulled down first in order to create a new one of Sikh-like warriors later.

Pakistan would have passed unnoticed but for the handful of gallant Sikhs aided by their ex-brothers Hindoos who exposed the ugliness of the partition to the eyes of the world.

Most Indians opine that there would have been no Pakistan had the Hindoos from other parts of India responded to the pathetic cry of their brethren of the eastern Bengal and curb the direct action of the Muslims in bud.

Will they realise their error and make Hindoos, S before Pakistan descends to Patna? They must invoke spirit of Dayanand with fasts of Mahatma to aid in.

The Muslim social system is strongly fraternal democratic. The Hindoo system is equally hierarchical & innumerable castes and sub-castes. Hindoos disregarded the and suffered in consequence.

The latest caste tragedy

Indo-Mauritians here cannot form an idea of what the Hindoos of India are. If there are 50 castes in town or a city, you will find them all living in their own groups, with no social contact between them. Every group is in their Pakistan; or, in their respective camps! They are living in this fashion, since centuries quietly and peacefully at their stations.

But the "modern" democratic and communist propaganda has upset these castes whose hostility towards the upper classes particularly the Brahmins now taking a shape and they watch an opportunity fall on them.

There exists a bitter feeling between Brahmins and non Brahmins of Maharashtra where wealth & learning are monopolised by the former only. An opportunity was offered to the non Brahmins (particularly the Marathas, the Kshatriya caste of Maharashtra) in the murder of Mahatma Gandhi to wreak their vengeance upon the Brahmins. Thousands of their houses, storerooms, factories, shops and business premises etc. have been burnt down with loss of life and in some cases with the cooperation of Muslims! About 2,000 villages have been made Brahminless with about 20 thousand refugees. All this within 3 days from the death of Gandhi. Were they the followers of Mahatma? Nothing of the

kind. They were merely Goondas and did not spare even the Gandhists. According to them the non-violence of the Mahatma was a piece of drama to be played before the armed English only.

Had the murderer been a mere Hindoo without caste there would not have been this wholesale destruction of the property of one caste only. Brahmins represent the Maharastra and such communal burst constitutes a national calamity for the country. Naturally Brahmins now must arm for their defence. Here lurks the danger of civil war.

Any how even the death of Gandhi has proved an eye opener to Hindoos.

What this second edition of the Panjab atrocities, although on a small scale shows is, that the Hindoo peoples cannot be called a community or a race and that such happenings make one's vision dim for the future of India.

In the South of India

Brahmins are simply hated in the Madras presidency. In the last parliamentary elections the Government candidates led by the Brahmin prime minister Mr Parbhasham were defeated and the non Brahmins came into power. Mr Reddy who is not fact with English and who avoids interviews and does not regularly attend the parliamentary sessions on that account now leads the Government.

Agitation for 'destroy the Brahmins' was assuming serious proportions when the Home member Dr Soobharayan had to issue a press note warning the people against class warfare and reminding them the teachings of the Mahatma. The Brahmins who are between 2 and 3 percent of the total population of the presidency will be swept away if they dare protest.

against this propaganda with the fate of the Brahms of Maharashtra hanging before their eyes

To-day is the turn of the priestly caste and to-mor will be that of other castes descending in scale till the conditions of superiority and inferiority founded on the incidence of birth are completely wiped away. This minority of the so called upper castes lived happily and prospered under the British and the very same insignificant small number which for that power to leave the country is now in its turn being molested and attacked with impunity by the masses hitherto called dumb! What an irony of fate? But they call it democracy and awakening. What would be the feeling of these exponents of the ex English rulers? That of repentance?

The Hindoo Muslim Pakistanian hostilities of 1947 now being transformed into a modern Maha-Bharat in the provinces of India. They begin by separating from each other first such as Assam from Bengal, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kanatac from Madras and so on, thus obtaining their respective Hindu Pakisthans, fight will break out there between the peoples of high and low castes while the untouchables with no religious ground will first turn communists and take their revenge. There are about 40 million Muslims still living in India. One can form an idea of the part they are likely to play in the drama.

The head of India, Kashmir, is under hammer for the past 12 months and her belly Hyderabad has kept releasing noxious gas with sympathy of the Indian Muslims. Since each Hindoo faction will invoke their help as they used to in the past the Troubles from the capital and labour already appeared on the horizon and the socialists are in the fight with congressist Government of the country following the underground activities of the communists. My readers will therefore see that our dear Bharat Mata will have to go through the ordeal of triangular fighting between Hindu, Hindoo, Hindoo-Muslims and capital-labour before she attains the status of a first class power.

This is a frightful picture but it is painted on the canvas of caste system!

In India at present every body is a political or a social

nal actor and I in Mauritius an ardent spectator watch the game well and hence this bit of deviation which I hope will also benefit the Hindoos of this Island,

Our unique invention

Steam, Gas and electricity etc, are the British inventions and are in service of humanity while our only invention is our untouchability which does no good even to its own inventors.

It was an ancient law to make captured foreigners slaves and run them like beasts of burden Slavery in Mauritius was abolished only 113 years ago But there was no such thing as untouchability in any part of the world

In the present day racial discriminations is based on colour and features We see a Nordic Aryan, an extreme Mongolian and a Negro of the Zulu land meeting together at public places and shaking hands at official functions while the spectacle of the Black and Yellow marry white girls is not uncommon.

It is only in our holy land that our ancients created the system of untouchability in the people of their country and pushed it to such an extremity that there is no instance of a touchable boy wedding a non touchable girl in the long and large literature of the Hindoo religion,

How it came about ?

Let us now examine the idea of our ancestors behind the wisdom of sanctioning such an institution of social lepers, I accept for the sake of argument that they were black, ugly and loathsome stock and therefore those white sages decided to keep no contact with them and thus preserve the purity and sanctity of their blood

The great Mann ordains that the tongue of a Shoodra reciting the Vedio hymns ought to be cut up and the boiling lead poured into the drum of his ears if he happen to hear them etc. These horrible punishments must have terrorised the poor outlaws who must have fled from the neighbourhood of those fanatical rulers to the places far from civilization.

Sometimes they took their revenge as is illustrated the Pooranic stories of the raids of their Yaj as instanced in Ramayana of Rama's fighting the demons at the Yaj Wishwamithia

But there was no wisdom in not utilising this huge material as the British have done in India successfully to benefit of both.

Nobody took any notice of these victims of the big of the Vedic or Pooranic religion of that period as to how they lived, rotted and died in misery filth, debauchery, vice and and yet they cry harsh and hoarse that their ancient wise men were teachers of the World and honourably forget that they kept a great number of their countrymen as under dogs.

This is how I presume untouchability in India sprang

Nineteenth century saw however our legislators hon down for ever by great and good sanscrit scholar Max Mu who first broke our Hindoo law and put the Vedas into mouths of the beef eaters of Europe to be immediately followed by the Swami Dayanand Saraswati in India who in turn offered the scriptures to the very untouchables with tongues and ears were not safe from the cruel enactments the Smritis and Poorans.

Root cause is caste

All these evils political Social etc primary sprang from the division of society in hundred and one castes with its particular injunctions and the complete absence national religion as a centre for the masses to rally round. Secondly to the monotony of their outlook and the cynicism their character engendered by the previously described restrictions and the restrictions imposed upon them have made Hind adverse to all progress and advancement.

Food, fashion, people, practice, cloth and objects not as before, frightened them, They would not face them but simply retire. Muslim Idol breakers and Christian Idol detractors teaching Hindoos on kinder garden lines But they never to

any counter measures to stop these things nor learnt the philosophy of their doings. If one was broken, three ones appeared ! Awrangzeb only lately in the 18th century demolished the famous Hindoo temple of Wishweshwar (Lord of the universe) of the holiest city of Kashi (Bénarès). About 2,000 Brahmins bare headed went imploring Awrangzeb to spare their idol in vain. But not a drop of blood was shed in defence of the cold God. Do you know what the Christian clergy of Europe had done to deliver their Holy city Jérusalem from the hands of Turks ?

The Mugal emperor then created a grand mosque on the same spot and with the very material. Later the power of Sikhs helped Hindoos build a new temple nearby and since then both the Gods are living quietly side by side under the protection of the third God of white people ! Whites have left. What they will do now ?

The sort of history has repeated itself everywhere in India.

The guardianship of the idols and their revenues were the exclusive business of one caste the Brahmins. Next caste people the Kshatriyas were few and between, had either bolted or confined themselves to their houses as a resistance to the enemy on their part would have been simply suicidal.

The remaining thousands of the Holy city had nothing to do with the deity and were indifferent to its fate. Besides, it was not the duty of other castes to take to arms as the fighting was also the monopoly of one caste only, according to the then divine contribution of work to the Hindoo mankind.

Imagine the havoc this caste system must have created throughout the length and breadth of that sub continent India when fanatic Pathans and Mughals were running it. And yet we remain in the embrace of these disgraced castes ?

I do not censure the Emperor, neither his predecessors nor his successors because they acted up to their religious convictions and were justified in what they did according to the notions of the Muslim middle ages and which still persist.

I simply want to point out how our caste, creed and idols have been the cause of our total downfall and how we are floundering to come out of the mire without success.

Be manly

Humanity has thus triumphed in Hindoo India over the divinity and therefore the untouchables also must follow suit in gaining the victory over the touchables. I do not say this for their progress and advancement but for the very existence and security of the amputated India.

Again ethnologically speaking they come from the stock of the sons of the soil and were not thrown up by the waves after waves of immigrants from north in search of Colonies or conquests and therefore they have more claims on country than their overlords.

They would have to seek for their salvation themselves. They must in the first place cast off their traditional inferiority complex and face the touchables squarely.

Nobody will give you your due unless you threaten to snatch same from their unwilling hands. Protests and strikes are the modern weapons to win the political or social struggles and you must use them when other methods fail.

For example the Shondras should make a campaign for appointment of some of their competent

members as Poojarees in the Hindoo temples as a first step. They must be prepared to suffer and sacrifice and I guarantee them the moral and material support of all the civilized peoples.

The wonder of the wonders is that they are between 50 and 60 thousand in this free land for more than a century living like gay birds under no obligations of whatever kind of their caste jailors and yet they would stand like Hanooman before Rama when in presence of the touchables.

The Arya Samaj has reached them and some of them are shining as Pandits and Shastrees but the majority of them prefer to remain in their immemorial Hanoomanian posture.

I wish them success at least of the naughty suffragettes.

It is also true that the only protestant body the Arya Samaj has been left groping in their founder's epoch with the hide of castes still tightened on them. Who will save them then these so called low beings?

Both the touchables and the untouchables lose in this colony through conversion to other faiths at an average of about 1,500 persons annually but the touchable spokesmen are indifferent to this. They excel in having stings at the Whites but put down their tails before their own Browns. They do want to give their brethren a little more "Dal Bhat" and their interest in them stops at that.

Those Shoodras who are endowed with liberal education also feel shy to come forward courageously and organise themselves against their social and religious exploiters.

The conscience of Hindoos through long abuse has become blunt and you cannot have Gandhi here but you can certainly produce an Ambedkar or a Mandel...

The caste and no caste peoples from India came to

Mauritius together with their God given belongings. But the caste Hindoos are found to-day in every honourable and lucrative walk of life due to the fact of their exploitation of the so called low castes and the Shoodras.

This is an economic squeezing authorised by the unscrupulous spirituals and therefore this spirit must die.

When these unfortunate people happen to come and live in townships, they do so with their inherent dread of being detected by the caste Hindoos. They live at ease with non Hindoos and if their fair sex invites attention they are absorbed by the former especially the Muslims as there is no one to guide them morally or materially when in need.

A warning to this effect was uttered by Bishop Golding Bird twenty four years ago, especially to semi whites.

The caste Hindoos are not exempted from this sort of depredations but they too would not fail to whisper into the ears of their neighbours or friends, the lowness of his lot, not through any ill will towards him but in order to hint at his superior caste to the fellow. And if they are Baboojee or Maraj, they receive all the honours and Shoodras in proportion are despised. So that they are wanted neither by their own people nor by the strangers and they exist as mere underground dwellers.

Can we then blame Christians and Muslims for bringing them to the surface and conferring upon them the order of the brotherhood of their faiths and treating them as such?

What we do? Our so-called Missionaries revile at the civilized Christian Clergy, their good God and their bulky Bible—but not so with the hot headed Muslim divines—without doing anything practical to save their brethren themselves from degradation. And in this way they nourish themselves on the ignorance

and credulity of the masses and succeed in keeping their hearers in humour. The more they abuse the more they climb in estimation. How long will this last ?

Hinduism is a monopolistic religion like the American Trusts and must be broken up.

Practices and fugitives

600 years ago there was no Muslim in the land of Tagore but the major part of the present population of 35 millions of Muslims of the country are the descendants of the Hindu untouchables and who now in turn look down with scorn upon the remaining Hindus about 25 millions as a detestable race and are bent upon their conversion to their faith by fair or foul means

The story of Bengal in this respect is quite eloquent, The invaders found the Bengalees burning their widows and practising infanticide drowning their new born baby girls. When it was stopped by the British they abandoned their so called inauspicious widows of tender age to their fate at places far from the human habitations, either to suffer death from hunger, exposure and wild animals or sheltered, protected and married by the Mahomedans These were their practices

In the 15th century i.e. 200 years after the establishment of the Afghans rule in Bengal, a great Acharya called Chaitanya flourished there who further emasculated the caste Hindus by his doctrine of dedicating all to Vishnu and who shut themselves into the walls of their temples

Kabeer in United Provinces and Nanak in Panjab were the contemporary of Chaitanya and they all helped effeminate or rather unman the Hindus Their temples demolished, women molested, themselves forcibly converted and cows daughtered, But not a word is found in protest of these atrocities in the books of their sects. Let alone inciting their coreligionists to rise against the cruel foreign masters, the enemy of their faith like the Christian priests,

They were so cowed down that they simply wanted to save themselves from the muslim fury by inculcating humility and submissiveness to God and man alike. Not only that these saints put their disciples on wrong tracts but consoled and convinced them by propounding the theory of Karma and asking them to suffer silently for their past sins!! They were all fugitives. While another mass of people remained untouchable with every sort of degradation heaped upon them and in this way our saints castrated the entire Hindoo population of their sub continent.

Our religion gave us neither Peter the Hermit who led an army of the poor from Europe to Asia in the 11th century to liberate Jerusalem the birth place of Jesus from the hands of the Turks nor any priest like Ridley or Cranmer who were burnt alive on account of their principles. Kings like Louis de France, Richard the Lion Heart or the Inquisition Courts to try and punish the heretics—auto-da-fe are unknown to the History of the Hindoo religion. I however tender my homage and tribute to the Sikh martyrs.

March of Snail

It is true that the fanatic Mohamedans invariably used the sword but the fact of those inhuman and horrible Hindoo practices must also have contributed largely to mount the Mohamedan population of the country at an average rate of 60 000 persons per annum during the past 600 years and therefore the blame if any for the debacle of Hindoos of Bengal in 1946 ought to be apportioned equally and the Hindoos should honourably now atone for their part of sins. And what the leaders are doing to meet the situation? They pass the resolutions and make laws to remove the untouchability and thrust them upon God! (Temple entry)

Surely this is a long long way to reach their 'Roh and Bati' and vice versa.

The recurring political and social convulsions of Europe

are the special features of its history while the Hindoo chronicles of 3 000 years past in this respect have remained frozen except in the Sikh period when the double revolution in rule and religion took place in Panjab by the end of the 18th century.

I quote the author's words of what happened there. 'A low scavenger or leather dresser, the lowest of the low in Indian estimation, had only to leave home and join the Guru, when in a short time he would return to his birth place as its ruler with his order of appointment in his hand.

As soon as he set foot within the boundaries, the well born and wealthy went out to greet him and escort him home. Arrived there they stood before him with joined palms, awaiting his orders

A scavenger from the nature of his duties, is intimately acquainted with the condition of every household. Thus the new ruler had no difficulty in exacting from every one their best and most valuable belongings which were confiscated for the use of the Guru or for his treasury. Not a soul dared to disobey an order, and men who had often risked themselves in battlefields, became so cowed down that they were afraid even to remonstrate. Hindoos who had not joined the sect were not exempt from those oppressions." Will Hindoo snail ever attempt such a quick march?

THE GENIUS OF GANDHIJI

How our Mahatma met his tragic death and how the world shed tears for him is now a history and the Hindoos would not long forget the sad event which took place on Friday the 30th of January 1948 at Delhi. The passions are now subsided and calm and clear thinking is returning to us. I therefore propose in this article to touch some of the incidences of the political career of the Mahatma. There was no precedence in the history of the world where massacres were not committed to drive out the foreign enemy from one's country and therefore Gandhi had nothing before him to draw his inspiration to fight the mighty Britain to win the independence of India save the old method of cold steel or hot lead.

Here his genius flared up. Gandhiji surveyed the whole length of Indian battle fields since the crossings of the Indus by the Macedonians 23 centuries ago down to the disturbances of Chauri Chaura at the beginning of his campaign. He also compared the famous ten marks of Hindoo religion (Dasha Lakshan) propounded by the great Manu with the equally renowned eight paths of the Buddhist teaching, all blended in non violence, peace, patience, pardon, piety, purity, faith, truth, contentment, kindness, humility, restraints, abstinence and self torture etc. while the other commentators have specified six more enemies (Sad Ripoo) of humanity namely Cupidity, anger, egoism, envy, avarice and doubt. The object of this enumeration was to deliver a blow of grace to the already gasping Hindoos.

Gandhiji discovered that all this is intended directly or indirectly to avoid injury or harm both in speech and action and that the Hindoos are a well pickled article.

and fit for use at any moment. Our ancestors did not discriminate between friend and foe when practising these virtues. Thus they killed all our virile qualities of resistance, resolution, self respect and self defence. Hindoos paid their respects and allegiance to Raja Bhoj, Akbar and Queen Victoria equally and put flowers on the tomb of Père Laval and pray at a muslim shrine!

Gandhiji understood fully the implications of this long, dull and unbroken passive tradition of Hindoos. He therefore pushed aside the bomb and bullet and influenced as he was by the writings of Tolstoy and the Bible and reinforced by the mentality of his caste, hit upon the non violent methods. He had already tested the noble qualities of English in England and in South Africa and was quite sure that they would never shoot on the unarmed crowds.

He also knew that this campaign of civil disobedience will spread like wild fire in a very short time from mass to mass of the sub continent of India. Both his anticipations turned out correct and he won the day. It was a wonder of wonders when you know that one Englishman was ruling over 2,000 Indians when they handed over the power to the Indian hands.

It ought not to be forgotten too that the late world war, the world opinion and the difficulties of the Britons themselves contributed in a large measure to the triumph of our Mahatma as is witnessed in the independence of Ceylon and Burma where neither Gandhi nor Nehru flourished.

In short Gandhi alone could invent a political method of least resistance with no risk to life and property of the participants in the struggle and therein lies his genius.

What actually happened is this. Yashoda saw the Brahmand (universe) into the mouth of the child Krishna. She was dumbfounded at the spectacle and it is

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said she experienced the divinity of her son. England similarly visualised the image of Christ in the wide open mouth of 300 million inoffensive Hindoos blessed by the Mahatma when they cried 'quit India' with one sky reaching voice. This vision was a miracle to the English who too then bowed and retired.

G A N D H I

He changed the world history, yet his power
was not of this world

From Life of America

His sacrifice

Maha maji knew Hindoos to be weak, weary and wan and the English to be combatant but cultured and compassionate. But the Muslims? He ignored their strength, their history and their tradition and relied upon their cooperation and support which never came.

His first slip came in 1922 when he took the leadership of the Muslim Khilafat movement to save the Sultan of Turkey from being deposed by the Turks themselves! Hindoos heartily joined. But the Sultan was deposed and deported, and Muslims later turned against Hindoos as if in gratitude!

Shradanaud was the first victim. They then raised the cry of Islam in danger. Fanaticism was let loose. It spread from Kohat in the north to Malabar in the South. All this is the thick of his non cooperation movement to win the Swaraj. But Gandhi and his congress kept their mouths shut up for fear they would offend their brothers Muslims and the cause of India suffer. He fasted for 21 days in 1924 to stop the so called communal riots in fact the Muslims attacks ineffectually.

For 50 years past the Swarajists dinned into our ears that the English Government of India was responsible for the Hindu-Muslim riots and thus exonerated the Muslim aggressors from their culpability. This made them rather puffed and the Hindoos more flattened. In 1931 Gandhi attended the Round Table Conference in London in vain.

The elderly readers may be remembering Gandhi's famous "Blank cheque" to Muslims who were content with nothing but separation from Hindoos. An open secret by the time

Mahatma, then woefully was obliged to rely upon the good will of the then labour prime minister Ramsay MacDonald and agreed to abide by his decision as there was no possibility of arriving at any settlement with the Muslim members.

The outcome of this conference later was known by the name of Communal Award. Mr. Jinnah showed his colours but Gandhi does not see. This was not a second ship, it was a slap and an ugly one too. Any other captain would have altered the course of his ship and avoided the storm. But he was a Mahatma, nothing daunted him. Gandhi acted on the principle of 'try again', resumed his civil disobedience as soon as he returned to India!!

Muslim League then raised their banner of open hostility to the Indian National Congress and made it clear that they would not consent under any circumstances to be governed by the natural majority of Hindoos. Well how to change the communal supremacy of the country. By massacre, conversion, exchange or separation?

They claimed that they came to India as conquerors and would never submit to the rule of Hindoos. They then made their formal demand of Pakistan when the provincial autonomy was granted to India in 1937, Gandhi took it all bluff, though it was blow.

Congress later boycotted the provincial autonomous councils while Muslims continued to rule in their provinces and strengthened their position in preparation for the fight for Pakistan. Mahatma did not take any notice of the defiant and provocative attitude, utterances and activities of the Muslims but went on harassing the English for the self Government of India.

This was a high time for Mahatma to try his non violence with Muslims. He should have at least known the strength of his Congress and would have found an occasion for comparison between the Muslim compatriots and the alien English. This was a crucial moment in the Gandhian history of Swaraj and the Mahatma missed again.

The position of India since 1938 was like two swords rattling in one scabbard.

The German war came and Great Britain was in a tight corner when Gandhiji asked British being sure of their defeat, to resort to non violence against Hitler and the Mikado and quit India!

They did nothing of the kind but detained Gandhi, Nehru, and others. Muslims looked on and clamoured for Pakistan as if they had nothing to do with India. We know how the violence of Muslims triumphed in the end and they obtained their Pakistan helplessly acceded to by all the interested parties i.e. English, Congress, Hindoos, Gandhi, Nehru and others.

Mahatmajī had declared that they will have to cut him in two first before they cut the country for Muslims. The British had condemned the idea of Pakistan throughout. Sardar Vallabhai Patel even flourished the sword (in his mouth) but nothing availed. Because Mr Jinnah knew very well that swords and knives of the votaries of the cult of non violence are blunt and rusty and therefore perfectly harmless! He accordingly redoubted his efforts and delivered a frontal attack and routed the Gandhian Hindoo forces. Mahatmajī has publicly placed wordy laurels on the head of Mr Jinnah for his easy political or rather tactical victory.

Truth at Last

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Sparks

Do not listen to any preacher who does not condemn the caste system, animal and object worship, untouchability, droll Gods, prejudices and hurtful customs. Ask questions to the preachers in open meetings

Islam means unity, force and success They speak and act fearlessly They have been objectively teaching Hindoos for upwards thousands years. But they learned nothing. Their last lesson was Pakisthan.

They say that one can not change the spots of leopards: So is the Muslim mentality, The secularism of the Nehru Go-

Government would not alter their character the least, as we see in Mauritius. The Government can not afford to spend their money and energy in watching this element all the time. About 40 million Muslims of India are in most part the descendants of the Hindoos initiated in Islam with the flourish of cold steel. Today it is the turn of Hindoos to invite them to come back to their original own i-e Bharatism with the aid of hard facts in a most friendly manner. The Islamic dynamism in this way may make its way among the ranks of the moribund Hindoos or at least they will form an honourable caste in the galaxy of the Hindoo system. This would be no doubt, 'an unprecedented social revolution' and which will then really make Bharat a powerful nation. But the condition is that the Hindoos must rise to the occasion first, Hindoos must get rid of their 'present religion' first before they offer something better to Non Hindoos.

Buddha 2500 years ago ran away from death, disease and decay and we are 'combatting' them today. Any link between past and present!

CUT Y/S, QUIT

Mahatma had ample time and experience at his disposal after his release from detention in 1944, to weigh these anti-Hindoo doings of Muslims before he renewed the slogan of 1942 of Quit India. But he did nothing.

Clear sighted Jinnah took his clue from our Bholanath and being sure of his forces also demanded independence for Muslims in the provinces where they predominated and flung a counter slogan of 'Cut India' for Pakistan. This was a revolt. In spite of this Gandhi remained like the star of North Pole and intensified his campaign to see India get rid of white faces and silenced his critics by assuring them that his pet Hindoo Muslim unity will come as soon as the English would have quitted India.

Gandhi had no idea of what was to descend upon the head of Hindoos in the event of the British bullets being melted! No sooner the Pakistan came into being on August 15th 1947 than the world was stunned by the news of the ghastly tragedies enacted in the western Punjab upon the helpless Hindoos. It is true that Sikhs and Hindoos imitated to a certain extent in their turn and it is also true that that was only their reaction. The total Hindoo population of Lahore more than 300,000 souls disappeared either in migration evacuation or slaughter and their properties either looted or burnt down. About six million Hindoos and Sikhs abandoned their ancestral homes, lands and fortune in that part of Pakistan, nobody knows how many of them reached their destination, and how many perished on the long journey. An unparalleled peace time Muslim blitz of six weeks resulted in putting an end to the Hindoo minority and lengthening the uninterupted steel chain of Muslim states from Karachi to Cairo.

Gandhi's first admission of his failure in the wanton application of his non violent principle came when the anguish—cry of war against Pakistan involuntarily burst out from his holy mouth when he could no more witness the holocaust of the Hindoos of Panjab. Gandhi did not want to fast unto death or pass days in prison in order to take India from the British exploiters and give it to the Panjabi butchers.

Gandhi took 25 years to achieve his purpose while Jinnah accomplished his within nine months

It appears that India certainly would not have lost her fair provinces and would have spared her the horrible ordeals of her sons and daughters, had Gandhi and his Congress accepted the Dominion status offered by the Cripps mission of 1942 which they received four years later.

The Danger Signal

The turning point of the Indian independence discussions arrived when the Pathans wiped out the Hindoo and Sikh population of Rawalpindi and its adjoining villages in the early months of 1947. With their extermination hanging upon their head in the oncoming Pakistan both the Hindoos and Sikhs demanded their separation from Muslim majority districts. The Bengali Hindoos were in the same predicament and they also joined their Punjab brethren in demanding the same in their province too.

All of them agreed and sent Mountbatten to get the agreement sealed by the British Cabinet and we know the rest.

Gandhiji always experimented with truth and he experienced it in its naked form in Bengal, Punjab, Sind and the frontier provinces. His Swaraj did not want slaughter, destruction, want and misery. But all these evils stared at him. He spoke out his convictions when dealing with English and Hindoos, but remained silent when confronted with Muslims. Mahatmaji ought to have stopped here and cry halt to the March of the Indian independence and asked British to maintain the

status quo in the Country for at least a generation more. Gandhi had gone too far to retract his steps and the inevitable happened. .

The congressists now interpret our Mahatmaji's teachings and practices as Acharya Kripalani the ex president of the Congress explains in an apologetic tone that 'non violence' won because there was some justice, enlightenment and integrity on the other side i.e. English.

This is an acknowledgement of their blunder in practising their creed of non violence before Muslims. Yet Gandhi stuck to it and died on active service. He knew what was passing around him and faced the death of a hero and a martyr and in the cause of Muslims.

Gandhi's last fault was his last sacrifice. Reports had reached Delhi that one hundred thousand Sikhs and Hindoos were either converted or massacred in the Muslim state of Bhawalpore in the Pakisthani Panjab and the public sale of the abducted Hindoo women etc. At the same time the enraged Government of India postponed the payment of 550 million of rupees to Pakisthan through fear of this money being spent in equipping the raiders of Kashmir to fight the defending force of India stationed therein,

Hindoo feeling was then terribly running high against Muslims when suddenly Mahatmaji sat fasting and threatened the Government and Hindoos with his death unless those millions were paid to Pakisthan forthwith and every facility and favour granted to Muslims. Government of India surrendered and saved the life of Gandhi. As a result of which the venerable father fell victim to the exasperated fury of the member of the Hindoo patriotic intelligentsia. The death of our Mahatma once again demonstrated the eternal truth in the words of Bernard Shaw: "It is dangerous to be too good."

It is true Gandhi is the father of the Indian independence but I think the baby is 'l'enfant l'amour' and that the father did not provide for the dangers attending the birth of his baby!

I mean to say he was a Mahatma but not a Marshal. There is no question of the sincerity and integrity of this modern Christ whose spotless public sacrifices for the past 55 years since 1893 in South Africa are before the eyes of the world but we all know how the empire of Ashoka collapsed when he turned a saint and Aurangzeb when he proved a bigot. We want realists. We are proud that the universally revered Mahatma is our possession and I have not touched the holiness of the saint. I have judged him in his politics affecting the vast masses of 300 millions of Hindoos.

The Chinese republic of 38 years standing with a population of about 450 millions having one culture and belonging to one Mongolian race and not entangled in any religious or social prejudices is still lying in the mire of famines, pestilence, poverty, ignorance, invasion and civil war. What good the loudly trumpeted freedom has done to her? Now it is the turn of India with a fiery neighbour, gun in hand on her frontier! God help. I hope any how that India in fact Hindusthan will remain in the fold of the British Common Wealth at least till our centuries lost capacity to rule the Empires returned to us.

White man's burden is no more and we must not forget that they are Brahmans of this age. Europe and America have today reached the status of demi Gods and who are shaping the destinies of the world including India and Mauritius. Can we deny it?

Blind Nationalism prevents us from speaking the truth but our sense of appreciation and admiration dictates otherwise. I think that is why our Mahatma had suggested to give a little place to the Union Jack on the corner of our national flag. Of all the Europeans my preference goes to Englishmen.

No Indian film is perfect and popular if the heroes and heroines thereof are not westernised. They represent most heroes at the cost of the European civilization and yet it is admired and such scenes have become indispensable to the

Hindoo-Muslim Relations

Since Hindoos are too tolerant towards non Hindoos it never entered into their heads to absorb the new comers to India in their society. Not only that, Hindoos considered Muslims, Christians and Parsees etc. as mere additional units to their numerous castes and behaved accordingly.

Now it is too late to expect Hindoos to issue invitation to non Hindoos especially Muslims for conversion to Hindooism. And I shall be the first person to oppose the proposal so long the present Hinduism has not vanished and a new one installed thereat. If therefore mountain does not come to Mohamed let him then go to the mountain.

Aryawarta to Arabia

There exists no prospect for this pilgrimage too as the Muslim practices obtained in India in this connection cannot be ignored and easily forgotten by Hindoos. Islamies have essentially remained same as when the Arabs under 'Kasim first put their foot on the soil of Sind in India 1,200 years ago.

Buddha, Shankar, Jesus, Nanak, Kabeer, Ram Manohar, Dayanand, Anni Besant and a host of others have their places of honour in the galaxy of the Hindoo divinities and Mohamed would have occupied a still larger place among them than what he is doing at present if his followers had approached Hindoos in a missionary spirit of the Christian Service. I think most educated Hindoos are Christians minus cross and Christ.

We all know how Turks under their Caliphs indulged in massacres of their non Muslim neighbours especially the Armenians and how they had acquired the nick name of "Sick man" of Europe. We also know how the Europeanised Mustafa Kemal Pasha (Attaturk) deposed the Sultan and abolished the Sultanate for ever which was the source of inspiration of all sorts of atrocities committed there on the helpless people in the name of Allah and his associates. Kemal then

industry of cinema to grow rich, such is the hold of Europeanism on the Hindoo mind although they would never own it!

Why then all this fuss about 'Foreign and Foreigners?' Hindoos have suffered at the hands of their countrymen belonging to the same race. Try now foreigners.

Gandiji among the Deities

THE ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY OF INDIA of April 4, 1948 writes under the above caption.

"SYMPTOMATIC of the common man's reverence for Gandhiji is the recent installation of a statue of the Mahatma in the temple at Pariyur a village in Coimbatore District, Madras presidency.

In 1946 a similar suggestion was mooted, but Gandhiji condemned it in an article in the HARIJAN.

Besides Gandhiji's image the Pariyur temple has another unusual idol — modern Eve goddess — with a tennis racket and a ball "

In Mauritius too they offer worship to the statue of the Mahatma here and there. It was feared that people will do some such things and Pandit Nehru was quick to appeal and warn against any form of idolatry connected with the memorial of Gandhiji. The premier naturally did not want one more cult to be added to the numerous ones found in the country. Cult comprises ignorance and bigotry,

I therefore hope my remarks on Gandhi's political leadership will prove anti-cult.

Westernised the eastern creed and culture of his country and today she is a power standing in the rank of the democratic and civilised nations of the earth. Mahomedan world looked on Turkey with awe and reverence and it was Kemal who boldly defied the protests of the whole fanatical Muslim world and courageously denounced and sacrificed this pope like sentimental and spiritual supremacy of his country to the cause of humanity

The name of Kemal will remain long in the history of the emancipation of the Islamic concepts and I take this opportunity to salute his memory. Late Mr Jinnah was not a Kemal. I therefore regret I cannot recommend my brethren to go into the arms of Dhutarakshtra just to increase the number of fanatics and constitute a danger to the peace of the world

A little comparison between the Hindoos and Muslims of Mauritius would not be, I believe, out of place; and it is instructive too to know why one is violent and the other weary

Much depends upon the temperament of the prophets themselves while the climate and the condition of the country where the religion is born, also contribute to the rigidity or laxity of the religious fervour. Readers will see why the Arabs and Jews both products of the fierce and violent nomads and inhabitants of desolate desert have always their hands on the throats of each other. Our Seers, philosophers and poets all hail from India the climate of which is mild and malarial and hence enervating. Fixed abode, abundance of food, water, space and above all the sense of long-enjoyed security from the depredations of foreigners &c are the causes which favour the sedentary and indolent habits of the people. In the modern language they were free from fear, want and intervention. They had therefore no necessity for lavishing invectives on others such as unbelievers or infidels and then killing them in cold blood with the solemn invocation of the most Fatherly and Kindly God!

Mr Manilall, Barrister-at-Law, 40 years ago, experienced the futility of his political activities in Mauritius and had to turn his attention to religious and social matters. He was a rationalist but saw the seeds of some future in the the militant Arya Samaj and at once lent the prestige of his name to the

movement and succeeded in establishing same with the aid of a few members of the warrior race of the Punjab. The Samaj flourished. This active element in course of time vanished and now the mission of Dayanand has reached the traditional Hindoo lethargy. Such is our character, a heritage of our country and climate.

Theorist

In Mauritius we install loud speakers and proclaim to the world that Bharat Mata is our country. We spend thousands of rupees every year to keep alive our culture. Bisoondoyal and others are agitating and trying the patience of their hearers and have even incurred the wrath of the Government on their head through excess of enthusiasm. If I add other Pandits, their number will reach to the century. In the press too one reads violent articles by the Hindoo hands only. Most of them take their pattern from India and the fire-brands among them like to imitate Don Quixote while for others jail is a shrine. They ignore the local conditions and refuse to look at realities.

They would resort to hunger strike and raise the cry of Gandhi Ki Jai only because these things are practised in India. Tall talk and tiny task have been the order of the day with Hindoos.

The indefatigable Mr Bisoondoyal in his long speaking career must have addressed by now about a thousand meetings. But his hearers prefer to stay where they are for the very simple reason that he asks them to put on the fur coat without first creating the arctic conditions. They give him applause and Artee in return and thus ends the play. He worships the dead of his audience but is afraid of whipping the living and helps maintain the decayed Statu quo of our society.

Only subject to agitate for our nationalists since years has been the All India Hindu Unity. There are about 60 registered Hindoo associations here all professing the same grandiose object. But nothing tangible has been achieved upto now.

The Calcuttias (Biharees) worship the father Sh'iva and the Tamilians His son Shhadanana or Subrahmhnya but nobody tells them to place these gods side by side and worship them together jointly. Both communities are Hindoos but they do not advocate inter-marriages among them. Every section of the Hindoo community differs from another in culture and civilisation and none has taken any initiative to obviate the dissimilarities separating them from each other.

We have passed through two world wars - within the memory of most of us in which the crowns have cracked and the countries convulsed but Hindoos of Mauritius are still in the grip of sitting on hams as their ancestors were doing! Look at Russia. She is a first class power to-day.

Russians were fanatic Catholics in the beginning of this century but they discovered their weakness in the Russo-Japanese war 38 years ago and finding the religion at the back of the disaster set up to remedy the evil. Few years after in 1914 the first world war broke out and a second disaster befell Russia in 1917. Russians were exasperated by two national calamities: first, in Asia and the second in Europe within a decade. They burst into the cyclonic fury and the tzar, his family, nobles, Church, priests and their religion all perished in the Hecatomb which followed and the present position of their God, saints, priests, churches and their religion are like a pariah dragging his weary existence in miserable condition abandoned and despised by the people.

They talk of female education but would not allow their women to learn fine arts such as music singing, dancing and painting etc, because these relaxing recreative and soul elevating Occupations were branded immoral and ruthlessly suppressed under Buddhistic supremacy and the tottering vestiges later destroyed by Islam with shreds thereof passing to the underground strata of the society

If those innocent and indoor diversions are denied to our fair sex they will certainly store the fellow who will dare advocate outdoor games for them when thousand eyes will have focussed on the players.

In this way we the product of English colleges and Universities prohibit our women from developing their body and soul but insist on children by them being capable of fighting the battle of life!

They are conspicuous by their absence even in the primary teaching profession, let alone the Civil Service. I know only one Hindoo nurse Mrs Diljore but I do not know whether any Hindoo woman had joined the Mauritius Womens' Voluntary Auxilliary Force

A combination of circumstances produced only two mistresses of international renown in the persons of Naidoo and Pandit out of the population of about three hundred million Hindoos in India. I ought not to be too severe therefore on the Hindoos of Mauritius as they look to India for their inspiration. I simply want to point out the fact that Hindoos are only theorists.

PRACTICALS.

But where are the Muslims who number about sixty thousand strong? They too are Indians. They have their country, civilisation and culture. But nobody sees them parading as such either in the press or on the platform. It seems they had no grievances nor any complaints to make against anybody and therefore they live in good graces of the government and others. We see them engaged economically in all sorts of money making business from banking to boot polishing and socially from Minister to messenger without making much ado.

One half of the buildings of Port Louis belongs to them and we are afraid a century more, the Capital of Mauritius may claim for itself the status of Pakistan if however the French civilisation would spare them by he time.

Major part of the local Muslims are descendants of those who came to this Island together with Hindoos from Bihar. But the average Muslim knows nothing about his father land nor cares for his mother tongue. The Muslim burns his boat when he reaches a shore.

He knows his Islam only which separates him from all other denominations. He would not even visit a non muslim hotel and therefore this occupation has become his monopoly. Even the foot-ball teams and the tobacco shops are prefixed by the appellation of muslim and it is his pride to display his faith on each and every occasion and is ready to lay his life at the call of Islam.

Ten Muslims run to the help of their fellow muslim if he be attacked by a non-muslim. Every Muslim is a fifth columnist of his kind. Such is the brotherhood in Islam.

This small but solid block of Islamic peoples has beaten economically more than double and triple the number of Crookes and Tinbones respectively and all in fair competition. Thanks to their organization, zeal, sacrifice, discipline, resourcefulness, unity, boldness, aggressiveness, venture and above all their real brotherhood etc virtues inherent in their religion.

Their leaders conscious of their small number are shrewd politicians and never dabble in politics but watch same and out their appearance when time for the distribution of the "Porte families" or the loaves comes. These are the tactics of Muslims we come across here and there and everywhere.

Position Is This

The average Hindu is not born for violence. He is by temperament mild, moderate, meek and nervous.

The great statesman and philosopher Krishna did not succeed in the Court of Duryodhana and the saint of our age Gandhi, did not do any better in the Darbar of Jinnah.

The same tragedy at the same moment was enacted between Chamberlain and Hitler.

England passed an act of Religious toleration only 263 years ago whilst the same is in practice in India since imma-

moral times. But we see it has gone wrong. Our toleration has turned into our unconditional surrender and has hit hard the psychology of the normal man and vitiated the Hindoo Society allround and allthrough.

We decreed that cow killing is an inexplicable sin. So did the Muslim law in respect of eating of pork. But Hindoos tolerated others to do so while the Muslims enforced their law with sword and you know the result. The caste Hindoos now loathe the animal as muslims do although Warh is one of their mythological Awatars, in fact a link in the process of evolution.

Davanand was the first in the religious history of India to be critical on non Hindoo faiths and he alone taught Hindoos to exclusively believe in the Veda as the only inspired word of God. He did succeed in creating a strong Hindoo feeling and the Arva Samaj to-day stands a champion of the Hindoo cause. I say feeling and not fanaticism.

But later the light from the west pouring through thousand channels of History, archaeology, excavations, fossils, philology, Darwinism, comparative study of faiths and philosophies, politics, socialism and the scientific truths flooded the country and the voice of the Arva Samaj is drowned in the noise of the changing world.

Islam is the youngest of faiths and we have to put up with this naughty child for some days to come.

Do you think you can reverse the position now by preaching intoleration to Hindoos in order to make them Janizaries or Crusaders. No, this is an impossibility in this enlightened socialist age. They say man is descended from monkey. But can one give the man his original tail?

You will see the university men of the Muslim community regularly attending the Friday prayer with red fez on their head. Has anybody ever seen their counter part of Hindoos doing so? Is there any Hindoo Dr Joomaye exclusively devoted to the cause of Islam and its followers?

It is not good then that our leaders after the fashion of Pandit Nehru discard the religion and thus save themselves from unwillingly committing the sin of fattening up the number of non-Hindoos through conversion of their credulous and unsuspecting coreligionists?

Anyhow the question arises as to the future of the remaining 40 million Muslims of India. It is a pungent problem for the Government and the people of India to solve. Other countries do not want mixed peoples.

The English Government of India did not interfere with the religious convictions of their subjects and allowed full play to every creed and culture. This liberal policy brought Pakistan into being. The Swadeshi Government too are pledged to walk in the foot steps of their predecessors. God help. I hope however our keen and sympathetic Commissioner will please report to this Government his impression about the heterogeneous assemblage of this Island who have refused the responsible government for themselves and how Muslims here too are clamouring for separate electorate.

Up to now Mauritius was free from communal affliction and the honour of first planting the banner of communalism on the soil of Mauritius goes to Muslims. A published memorandum singles out Hindus and reminds Mauritians of the Pakistani agitation based on race, religion, language and culture being distinct and separate from Hindus.

Muslim communalism has triumphed in India and naturally they aspire to achieve similar results in this colony. Hindus, I am sure would, act as their brethren in India and leave it to the Government and other communities to deal with the question who consider communalism a poison to the peace and order of the country.

Anyhow I admire their enterprise in frankly coming forward and showing their colours.

Shame and Sanctity

MORAL transgression or an unconscionable act produces a painful feeling called shame and a blind awe with the resultant obedience to certain divine commandments or tradition constitutes sanctity. The first is social and the second religious.

Lying and stealing etc., are acts that are condemned as such all the world over but the Hindoos do not stop at that. Their moral code covers the whole range of customs, traditions and even manners and the violation of these established practices is branded with a shameful act. I give below a few instances to illustrate what I mean.

To eat and drink in rubia.

To utter names of the spouses.

To answer the call of nature standing.

To smoke, speak and laugh in the presence of elders.

To walk with fair sex.

To allow the Othni toslip from the head and breast.

To stand erect before the parents relatives and elders.

To protest and complain against them.

To sit, sleep, eat and drink not in a usual fashion.

To introduce innovation

These are some of the very trifling, innocent and inoffensive things but the breach of which brings instant shame upon the head of the offender and in this way the Hindoo either male or female is threatened at every step and turn he takes, with disapproval of his coreligionists and therefore always vacillates and hesitates in all his movements and has developed a habit which has now become his second nature to be in dread of everything which he does or does not

Let me examine now what our sanctity represents. According to Hindoos the cow is a sacred animal. Certain divine books, the consecrated part of the temple, the person of Brahmin and some other objects are attached with sanctity. Our great law giver Manu ordains hell and the corporal punishment for the infringement of the law touching these sacramental observances

Even in naming their baby they consult the stars and they would not undertake anything unless they are assured beforehand of the propitious time for its performance. The dread of Tamilians for their Rao Kal is well known. Their holy Katha can be read only at the

auspicious hour of the day or night as prescribed by their panchang.

All this superstition manifests itself in the name of sanctity and in this scientific age !

Just imagine what our fore fathers must have done in the dark epochs when their kingdoms were attacked by foreigners ? Surely panic, confusion consultations, evacuation or half hearted resistance and finally succumbing to fate

Well, honest people believed in these things and suffered or enjoyed accordingly but the worst part of it is that the sanctity ascended to high heaven has now descended so low that a lowly and wretched person considers himself surrounded with the Halo of sanctity in committing any odious act sanctioned by his superstition or his prejudices

Cannibals believe in the sanctity of their head hunting as Hindoos thought of the practice of Sati and the Muslim becomes Gazi if he kills a non Muslim. They say God is everywhere and in these ghastly performances too ! Such is the philosophy of these revolting but holy crimes Don't you think it is necessary to raise those wallowing Gods from their pits and sanctify Them first ?

Virtue means Sanctity

THEY have made every virtue a holy concern. Obedience to the wishes of the parents is a virtue and our sacred writings present two typical examples in this respect of Parashuram and Ram as being the most divinely obedient and dutiful sons.

Parashuram killed his innocent mother Renooka at the behest of his father Jamadagni and Ram meekly accepted the forest dwelling for 14 years at the bidding of his father Dasharath a detard charmed by a young wife called Kaikeyee. These things perhaps happened in the patriarchal age. But are we to take our inspiration from these narratives now and bow to the impulsive and mad wishes of the wicked parents ?

Again to keep one's word is also a high virtue and our old masters have set up the legend of Harischandra before us as the model to imitate upon. The tale runs that the King made a promise of handing over his kingdom to Rishi Wishwamitra in his dream and next day fulfilled it and willingly underwent untold sufferings together with his young wife and child-son implementing his promise by certain technical formalities such as Dakshna and the test of character etc. Kindness too is a great virtue and therefore Hindoos would let go the venomous snakes and feed the ants ! So is their wanton forgiveness.

Patience is also a virtue,

Dharma is made to sit still and unmoved while his hard won wife Draupadi before his eyes was being forcibly and shamelessly undressed in the assembly of of the notables by the scoundrel Dooryodhan ! We are all Dharmas. But alas, there is no Bheem.

Let me now come to the first and foremost virtue of the women — modesty — and see how Hindoos have stretched it to the breaking point Her chastity or fidelity is measured by certain kinds of her behaviour towards the opposite sex viz : to look at, to talk, smile on, touch, smell and think.

According to Hindoo moralists these acts conscious or unconscious come under the heading of intercourse between the sexes and any fissure in any one of them degrades the Pativrata to a fallen angel.

This applies equally to the institution of the Brahmachari in the reversed manner modified upon the original of monkish order (Bhikshuk) of the Boudhistic period.

To come to our Pativrata such a woman can only be found in a Muslim Harem and we know why Tulsidas puts such words in the mouth of Luxman when he says that he only knew Seeta by the tips of

fingers of her feet] Is there any more absurd and grotesque statement than this ? Any how the Ramayana of Tulsidas (not Valmiki) is a key as to how the present Hinduism was being shaped under the Mahomedan rule.

Similarly most Hindoos have seen the cinemas of Sawitri and Anoochooya. Is there any common sense in depicting such imaginary Satees and presenting them as ideal women to the illiterate, ignorant and superstitious of both sexes ? This shows however where our beloved Hindoostan stands even to day ? You will see if you notice that the respectable Hindoo woman is a prototype of a nun short of her religious order. Look at her gait, speech, features and garments and you will find the truth of what I say. Her indoor living too does not differ much from her outings. Her apprenticeship as bride begins at the age of twelve when she is confined to the back of the house. Later in her wedded career too she is watched and controlled by her mother-in-law and other elderly females of her new home while the father in law is taboo for her. Even her longing husband is a stranger to her during the day and at night when they meet they do so stealthily !!

Have you ever witnessed a scene of kissing in the Indian cinemas where up to date girls and boys are represented gaudily ? No, why ? Because our unions are not primarily intended for the satisfaction of carnal desires or for the enjoyment of the earthly pleasures but to beget sons for the performance of the after death rites of their parents with a view to securing a better place in the next world for the manes of the departed. She is thus only a means to the end. Any wonder then if some of them fly to Muslims and seek their salvation there if an opportunity occurs fed up as they are by such injunctions and inhibitions ? And it is not uncommon to hear of young women committing suicides persecuted by their mothers in law.

In this way the whole existence of a Hindoo woman shrouded with shame, fear and fright also reacts upon their men who too feel nervous and uneasy in the presence of the fair sex as the shadow of the Bramhacharya has trained them to take an attitude towards them not of sexual or chivalrous considera-

tions but that of shyness, nervousness reserve her reverence. This is the reason why the stories of love and romance do not adorn our ancient literature. Such works as courtship, wooing, coquetry or flirting are not to be found in our sacred Sanskrit. It only mentions wedding and which is a religious function in its true sense.

Again the caste Hindoo according to the boys must undergo sixteen religious rites beginning from his first meeting with his bride to the cremation of his corpse. Our religion therefore precedes our birth and follows our death constantly flourishing the sceptre of sanctification around us and guarding our life from the so-called ghostly activities!! A wonder if Hindoos thus always moving in fear are devoid of the sense of art, glitter, gaiety, fun and enchantment? In fact they are an apathetic people and resigned and their general demeanour betrays their character.

The beautiful white women offer themselves to be kissed publicly for fixed prices and the proceeds go to the charitable institutions! There are classes there where girls are taught the duties and obligations of the married life including the pregnancy and confinement.

I am sure our pious law givers would never think of descending on this earth again if they know the doings of these fair sinners. People thus sunk into the ideas of shame sanctity would ever rise?

Making of Heroes

HINDOOS wanted independance and therefore they set themselves creating heroes. Some of my readers must have read or known 'The Hero worship' of Carlyle.

We too have our heroes in Ram, Krishna, Ganes and a host of actors of Maha Bharat. The principal among them have been converted into God head and the secondary heroes are looked upon as deities and in this way the rank and file of the Hindoo mythological characters

men and women are covered with divine plastic and have attained the status of an object of worship and faith for the purpose of spiritual considerations.

Alexander the Great Caesar or Bonaparte were the world conquerors. After them come the 19th century heroes such as Wellington, Nelson and Garibaldi etc. History allots to them due proportion of their merits and demerits of their successes and failures and nothing godly is imposed upon those mortals. But the heroes and heroines of Ramayan and Maha Bharat such as Arjun, Karna, Droupadi, Hanuman, Ahilya and Seeta etc. who have distinguished themselves only in the feudal or tribal wars are placarded by us as divine personages.

The Prince Ram was a military genius, brave, strong, handsome and an incarnation of the chivalrous spirit of the time. He fought an army of the mighty Ravan in an unknown and difficult country with a band of savage sympathisers and killed him in a single combat according to the custom to recover his beloved Seeta. He faced dangers and heroically underwent untold hardships and privations for more than a dozen years in jungle subduing hostile tribes and killing wild animals as he traversed in the trackless south. He cut his way through mountains and rivers and brought the Aryan civilisation to the confluence of the waters of the Pacific and Indian Ocean i.e. Lanka (Ceylon) covering a distance of about 2000 miles from Ayodhya to the capital of the ten-headed (full of cunning and wile) Rakshasa Ravan.

In order to accomplish this he had had recourse to tricks and traps as the instinct of self preservation would have dictated him to use under the circumstances. The Ramayan Valmiki was originally sung to crowds as Homer's Iliad and the recitals accumulated in course of time, a great number of unproportional incidents and it presents Ram and its companions now in such a fantastic and grotesque narrative that all his lofty and manly virtues are buried under the black earth of fiction and fancy and our national hero becomes an unnatural person and finally is converted into a god head for the purpose of invoking blessings.

An historical sense of the version has vanished and he has ceased to inspire us by his noble deeds and we can neither imitate him nor learn anything from his life's story because

he is God. Ramayan has been dashing on our ears at least for the past two thousand years. But the Hindoo history is full of princesses and queens being carried away by force by the invaders of India and the recent happenings in Bengal and Punjab simply remind us of our hereditary apathy and indifference coupled with cowardice towards the fair sex. In our long history no second Ram was born nor we read any heroic defence put up by the Hindoos in vindication of life and honour of their women folk as we come across the chivalrous incidents in the European records and which now represents in a lingering form their institution of duel.

According to Hindoo teaching and tradition woman is a tempting devil and a source of all evils and therefore never to be trusted. The average Hindoo is ashamed even to walk side by side with his publicly wedded wife. Thus the central teaching of Ramayan to worship woman as the earthly goddess has now degenerated into the treatment of insult, dishonour and degradation piled on her head.

So with boy Krishna who they relate, charmed milk mads and killed giants. All our other minor heroes in more or less degrees come under the same category of description and this is what our ancient writers have left to us. But the values of the ideas and items have now changed and the Ram of Toolaisdas and the Krishna of Vyas must pass through the ordeal of going through the acid test of this atomic age.

Have you got any notion what our nationalists of the twentieth century are doing? Maitreyee and Gargyee were wives of a Rishi called Yadnya Valka. They probably used to hear the word Atman [sou] frequently mentioned in the discourse to his pupils and one of the wives asked her perceptor husband the meaning of the word Atman.

The Rishi however stopped her saying 'You are not a fit person to dabble in such questions'. This simple curiosity on the part of a playful wife and the husband's rebuff are termed a dialogue or an academic

discussion and on this incidence they established that the female education was universal in India and that women enjoyed equal rights with men and so on. What they will say and do if they could unearth a Hindoo Muslim Chris the discoverer of Radium or a Hindoo Joan of Ark?

Shiwaji

LET me come now to the historical hero Shiwaji. He never left his little hilly country of Marashtra. He excelled in guerrilla warfare, drove the Mogul rulers from his province and established a Hindoo Kingdom which later developed into a Maratha Empire. He was a daring spirit of the 17th century and a match to the fiercest of his age. He is the only real hero of our history. But the nationalist writers compare him with Alexander and Bonaparte and some of them have tried to make him a Saint or an incarnation of Shiva as well without any worldly ambition and devoted to Dharma!

On certain occasions Shiwaji had to use cuts and unringings who was no doubt an accomplished adept of Chanakya—our Machiavelli—It is enough to make him supreme hero to say that he created a Hindoo state out of nothing and cleared that part of the country of its enemies of the people and faith.

Every man is a mixture of good and evil and he is not an exception but the Hindoo writers see in Shiwaji only the angelic qualities and adorn him with all embellishment and no flaw.

The object of the writer is to instill pride and patriotism into the mind of his readers and incite them

not endowed with those heavenly qualities and failures stare on them, they become confounded and regard the feats of Shiwaji as supernatural beyond the possibility of human endeavour and therefore the reading becomes a mere means of past time and not a guide to the future conduct nor a source of inspiration.

They have painted both Pratab and Ranjeet and Rani Laxmibai with the same brush and have turned history into novel.

They have been celebrating the birth anniversary of Shiwaji for the past fifty years without creating any of his prototypes except the Orators who take advantage of the occasion and exhibit their skill in the art of eloquence which is tantamount to the lip worship of their hero. In this way our nationalist writers and speakers have wasted a vast quantity of paper ink, labour and energy in the hope of producing material destined to make their countrymen heroes like those mentioned above in order that they should fight the British and win their independence.

The contrary had happened. A Saint in the person of Mahatma Gandhi descended upon us and conquered the British in the tactical bulletless battle for the freedom of India and the heroes if any were kept in reserve in view of armed fighting with Pakistan!

I have seen a picture of Pandit Nehru with his head surrounded by halo — a mark of divinity — and we know how Gandhi's name was bullet proof and this shows that the Hindus are still in the grip of their Illusive philosophy. Men and things including Gandhi and Nehru seen by the physical organ of vision are all unreal!

How can you believe then in the fanciful records of the distant past when the present personalities belonging to our own generation are represented in super human characteristics? The great Dr. Johnson has said that "Lives can only be written from the personal knowledge, which is growing every day less and in a short time, is lost for ever."

At the time of Indra, Soorya, Ram Krishna and Buddha the art of writing did not exist in India and therefore what test you will apply to the writings of Tulsidas and others who

to the lives of their respective heroes hundred of years after
r passing away? But those at least who have bathed in
healthy waters of Oxford and Cambridge must not fall
into the blind nationalism and must stop the mental
ation of our people for the purpose of making them heroes
rtificial names. Mahatma Gandhi had been the only Hindu
leader who had a clear vision of the rulers and of the ruled,
pushed back all the armed forces and created an army of
own warriors without arms and equipment quite suitable
the temper and tradition of Hindus. Pandit Nehru a dis-
ciple of Lenin also joined his ranks and the Swaraj was won,
ndhi called the sword, spoke and succeeded.

Truth is that pen or pun do not bring out heroes. They
re the result of the muslim fanatical, despotic and chaotic
while the benign and the legally established British
vermment was not a suitable ground for the breeding of
vies. Muslims have now withdrawn and may concentrate
ir effort for an opportune trial with their Hindu neighbours
Prataps or at least Kuwarsings will certainly then
erge.

Give us Rams and Bheems

800 years ago the flower of the Hindoo fair sex
as plucked and carried away to Afghanistan by
chahmud Ghaznavi who had simply followed in the foot-
eps of Kasim the Arab conqueror of Sind 400 years
rlier. This wholesale carrying away of the Hindoo
omen had continued up to the 18th century with va-
ing proportions till the transborder raiders felt the
ord of the Sikhs.

We witnessed the repetition of the same calamity
ompanied by harrowing tales, falling upon the Hin-
o women only two years ago again in this enlightened

age. Not hundreds but thousands of abducted Hindoo and Sikh women are rotting in Pakisthan today.

What we did and what is our mentality touching the honour of our nation in this respect? They institute enquiries and entreaties but these were of no avail. They are sold and scattered. There is no possibility in the first place of their being traced out and rescued by the Hindoo authorities. Secondly, in many cases women themselves are reluctant to return to their homes for fear of being held in disgrace for no fault of theirs by their relatives for the rest of their lives. The menfolk too who have failed to vindicate the honour of their better halves show unwillingness to take those unfortunate creatures back to their roofs.

Superstitions of caste, shame sanctity, chastity, [सतिव्रत्य] plus the weakness, cowardice and Karma theory have all contributed to this state of things and we thus sacrifice our sacred possession. They say woman is the wealth of the country. We lose her and we are wretched. The appeals of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru have fallen on deaf ears.

Ram yen relates that Seeta was a fornicating and Ram married her. She was later abducted by Ravan and was rescued by her husband twelve years after! Ram brought Seeta in triumph to his capital Ayodhya where both of them were ceremoniously consecrated as King and Queen. Such is the glorious story of our first kidnaped lady and whom we are worshipping since.

The war of Maha Bharat was waged on account of Droupadi in which the Kaurava were exterminated. The book also makes a special mention of an awful incident how Bhishm had drunk the hot blood of Droryodhan after killing him in the combat and avenged the insulted honour of his beloved Droupadi. Hindus especially the Tamils have erected temples in her name

But it is interesting to know whether their blood surges at the sight of their women being molested. According to the nationalist Hindoos 'Woman' does exist in their society. There are only Davis! (deesses). Always the vanity fair.

Look now at these pictures and compare the valry and heruism of the Aryan period to that of Hindoo India and you will find that both our and literature and our Indian history have failed to tell us how to vindicate the honour of our female pners. The past interpreters of these records have blundered and the 20th century popularity seeking writ have hidden the true import of the historical reader. I therefore discard both.

Bad teaching

The historical document of the Refugees Minister. Negi detailing the horrors perpetrated on the helpless Hindoo women will remain long in the memory of Hindoos. Some people argue that we should now forgive and forgive all that. But I ask them where and what Hindoos have retaliated in defence of their lovely companions? They are incapable of revenge, reprisal or retaliation. And because they do not do so, they are subjected to such recurrent ordeals with impunity.

They also put forward that the abduction of some thousands out of about 150 millions of Hindoo women makes no change in the Hindoo political economy. But these simpering fail to understand the psychological effect, such frequent abductions, insults and humiliations produce upon the Hindoo mind. Most Gandhian will

ters not only touch this vital aspect of the question but condemn the emergence of the retaliatory spirit of the Hindoo nation. They see communalism in it and according to them it is a crime to raise a voice against those atrocious happenings and organise the Hindoos to defend themselves. The Englishman who loves his people is a communalist? What is patriotism then? Well in this way they help keep Hindoos in their eternal low spirits. Is life worth living without honour and dignity?

New Front

Congressmen without arms succeeded in their fight against a foreigner with loaded revolver in his hand, but the same warriors are powerless before their own brothers as harmless as themselves to give even a cold bath to the religious lunatics. We won the political independence of India but we are still the slaves of our social tyranny as we were before.

We make a fetish of our culture and tradition & in meetings and printed volumes and thus preserve the putrified state of our society. We are now free people and do not need any cultural stimulant to rush on. Time is come to open a new front. How?

We must make a regular campaign against this obsolete but baneful culture to destroy it altogether if necessary with violence. Why not organise social Satyagrahas to achieve this object? To-day there is no such thing as Indian or Chinese civilization. They are all coming to human culture led by Europeans and I say the Hindoo-Mauritians are better placed to set an example to the rest of India.

From Boom to Doom, we know the story of our Bholanath and Bhasmasoor. So it is with our culture which we considered to be the boon of our forefathers is now turning the doom of their descendants and therefore it must be reduced to the ashes as was the fate of Bhasmasoor. I want archers, enough of Archers.

Whither India

Ashoke was an absolute Monarch but he turned a monk and his Empire fell. Our first modern democratic sovereign known by the title of His Excellency the Governor General is similarly showing signs of turning a Saviour God save us His names are Chacrawarti Rajagopalachariar and by the way Chakrawarti means an emperor !

In his message from Delhi last December on the occasion of the centenary of a Christian college of Madras, he expressed the gratitude of Indians not only for the christian educational efforts but the religious teachings ranging for over more than hundred years past in India His Excellency further emphasised the identity of conceptions between St Paul's and Mahatma Gandhi's and pointed out how the 13th chapter of the 1st epistle to Corinthians tallies with the autobiography of the Mahatma.

All credit to His Excellency's Christian scholarship.

I ask my readers to note that His Brahman Excellency compares the Christianity with Gandhism and not with Hinduism. His preference for Gandhism now confirms my view that Hinduism is not a presentable article and a new creed of Gandhism ought to be brought in vogue.

A few days later on the eve of Christmas he again broadcast a message of good wishes to the Christians adding that Christ is loved and respected by all in India and that piety (Godliness) is the key of the universal brotherhood etc.

His Holiness the Pope and His Majesty the King also broadcast messages on the same occasion but with

out singing praises of their Christ and their Christianity. But it appears that our Brahman Excellency is more royalist than the King himself. Again in April last our Governor General congratulated in his own name and in the name of the Government and people of India, the Pope on the occasion of his sacerdotal jubilee. This time he beat the record in surpassing the Christendom.

Hindoos according to their tradition would murmur and keep quiet for his fondness of Christianity. But there are 40 million Muslims in India. How will they take all this? They will claim the same homage perhaps higher to their Mohamed and their Mohamedanism from their Hindoo Governor General. Toleration is not their virtue. The Honourable Prime Minister who is a Buddhophobia then may intervene and establish parallels on some Muslim function between the Quranic passages and the Edicts of Ashoka. Poor Hinduism between two fires.

After the Governor General comes the Ramakrishna mission of Delhi where the Xmas was celebrated by reciting verses from Bible by one father Theodore of St. Mary Church. If our God Himself embraces His Christian colleague like this then I must say save me from my friends!

I have said on more than one place in this book that Hindoos are an agnostically minded people and their intellectuals are Christians without cross and Christ. If therefore His Hindoo Excellency and His Holiness Ramakrishna show predilection to Christianity that would be quite in the fitness of things. But what about the masses, convert them to Christianity or confirm them into their Agnosticism? Other alarming news from India was the conflict in her Parliament between God and no God formula in connection with the oath to be

taken by the President of the Indian Republic on taking office, while his counterpart Truman of America places his hand upon two Bibles 'Is not India a country of Riches and Moonis? The Governor General the Prime Minister are the head and heart of the nation and it is astonishing to see how God is dropped within a year of his Swargi was from the richness of State.

What about the teaching of Ahimsa? These pagans, I am afraid, may one day dispense with non violence too and I do not know what they will do to us then of the father of new India?

Pandit Nebrua Brahmin of Northern India is all out secularist and who has out done even English in divorcing the state from the religion surely to succeed in his old age the Brahmin of Northern India and is expected in his lifetime to secularise the Hindoo World and help bury the vauntedly talked of the rotted spiritual India and plant in place the much abused but now rdly coveted materialism of West. God bless him.

Both of them are great men and mean good to India to the World. But it is doubtful whether the hard and sands of Mecca and Jerusalem can ever be desolved into sweet and sacred water of Ganga and Jamna I say no country in the world has been able to assimilate the followers of Mahd and Mohamad. India tried and failed. Rajagopalachari and Nehru are trying again I wish them success.

Faith is faith and cannot be borrowed, Nobody will let his pride thus be wounded. Our salvation lies in burning kitchen creed, in destroying our cartels of castes and in going back to vaidic times which was of our own making

Patel and Nehru are the rulers of the inflexible will wield dictatorial influence on the public opinion of India and changing checks of Hindoos playfully with soft fingers would do. They must be bled, Our rulers must come forward boldly and denounce publicly the present Hindoo regime. They

the courage of ordering English to quit India. They must do so now in respect of their half dead religion. Politics change and politicians are soon forgotten but the Rishis live and rule the hearts. I therefore pray them to do some enduring work by becoming bolder in giving Hindoos a new cone of life on the lines as suggested by me.

They have accepted the wheel of Ashoke on their National flag and I take this opportunity to remind them to constantly keep before their eyes the implications of that mystic symbol. There is no opposition to their rule in India and the rulers are in a position to ride rough shod and arrive at the post. I therefore ask the rulers to go ahead.

God bless them.

The Soul of Nehru

I have gone cursorily through the pages of Pandit Nehru's latest book "The discovery of India" after I had finished writing mine, "Truth at last". The readers will discover the fact of there being no reference to his work in my book but a later addition to, under the above title.

The conclusion arrived at in the 'Discovery of India' is identical in main with the views expressed in mine i.e. our ancients looked to the invisible world and forsook the visible one and hence all our ills.

There is also a special chapter in the great author's book entitled the 'Discovery of India' devoted to the excavated Indus valley civilization found at Mohenjod-

Harappa in Sind about 20 years ago. This civilization of nearly 6,000 years old is related to the foreign countries such as Iran, Mesopotamia and Egypt and the particular feature of which is that it contains no distinguishable elements of religion. It was reserved to the Aryans who came a thousand years later to found a religion which we now follow in an entirely disfigured and distorted form. This means our culture, religion and language were originally given to us by the people come from abroad and later developed by Indians as exactly as what had happened in England when Romans, Danes and Normans in succession had invaded the country. Panditji through the insertion of the above chapter in his book seems to suggest that there is something cosmopolitan in the make up of the Indian society [Hindoos] and therefore they must not cling to this dogma or that doctrine and act upon this practice or that precept but rather touch and take anything and everything that is useful to life and cease practising in Panditji's phrase 'Touch-me-notism'. This is undoubtedly a capital discovery and it is being preached here by one of the lieutenants of Pandit Nehru, our Indian Commissioner. Panditji did not discover the physical India in the sense Columbus discovered America but he surely made the discovery of Spiritual India and hence the title "Discovery of India" and not "Discovery in India". I therefore ask my readers to note this basic difference carefully and ponder over the deep meaning hidden in the phrase. Readers will certainly give me credit for uncovering the secret. Wrapped in the mystic language of our illustrious Pandit — the focus of Indians all over the world.

Panditji is a patriot, politician, fighter, writer and Statesman and above all a philosopher. As a patriot he is very civil with his ancestors. As a politician he

merely and mildly pleads with his supposed countrymen the unyielding muslims. He magnifies the so-called good points of the muslim period and ignores the contemporary history.

* Muslim league celebrated the event of the congress ministers boycotting the Government in 1939 as the "Day of deliverance" throughout India while they reigned in their provinces. Mahatma Gandhi made a journey to Bombay and paid 14 visits to Mr Jinnah in 18 days in September 1944 in order to find out a solution of the Indian problem. All these interviews like the previous ones proved abortive as Mr Jinnah neither cared for India nor for its independence. He simply wanted his Pakistan. Pandit Nehru quietly passes over these and such other anti Indian acts of his so called Muslim compatriots, taking place before his eyes, in the expectation of winning them over to the cause of India in vain.

As a writer he has already established his fame as such and as a statesman he is coming to the forefront of the international affairs and is making his mark upon the peace lovers of the world. According to the Australian premier Mr Chifley, Nehru is one of the six most capable men of the world. As a fighter he gives no quarters to Englishmen and as a philosopher he writes in the vein of our Vedantists and disposes of many questions saying नेति नेति it is not this, it is not this, I do not know, time will decide and so on.

The book was written three years before the independence was granted to India and I am sure if he can spare time to write his "Mein Kampf" now, he will do so in quite a different manner.

He has written this voluminous book of 500 pages in small type within 5 months in 1941. His vast reading, his command on English language, his talent,

talent, his awful energy and above all the wounded state of his mind - can only be compared with the famous गीता रहस्य [Geeta Rahasya] produced by his predecessor the 'Father of Indian unrest' and his elder brother in arms the late Bal Gangadhar Tiluk 32 years ago. Both wrote in prison but under different conditions Tiluk was then watering his young plant of Swaraj while Nehru was watching its blossoming. After this preliminary I present my remarks on his discoveries as follows.

Panditji himself a product of British institutions finds nothing good in the British rule of the past 200 years although they say, the rise of Nationalism and democracy in India through long peace, prosperity, education and order as well as the acquisition of the ready made conscious Indian Empire or federation was solely due to the association of Bharat with Britain. In the words of the late Gopal Krishna Gokhlay the political Guru of Mahatma Gandhi, India-England connection was 'providential'. The ruling Pandit has however decided to remain in the Commonwealth.

Another discovery is that the Muslim despots were indianised ! They squandered the riches of the country on harems, mosques and Mausolems and indulged in wars, massacres, demolition of holy places, forced conversions and abduction of women etc. with no thought of doing any good to their subjects. They were Indians, surely in the sense the Whites of this Island are Mauritian ! It is now a history that the Muslims of India have proved to the world that they were never Indians. Picture to yourselves the recent blood curdling outrages [burning their victims alive etc.] of the Razakars of Hyderabad and read the atrocious stories of Pathans in Kashmir and say whether they are Indian ? They are Indians wolves if you please.

His another discovery that our ancients and forefathers always attempted synthesis with foreign elements and that dynamism was one of their qualities, is also out of tune. Our history repeats that Hindoos simply accepted what was imposed upon them both from within and without. The abstention from eating beef and pork is an instance of kind, the first internal and the second external. Our "Sati" and "Sarda" are foreign customs. Our Vaidic sacrifices (Yaj) were supplanted by the Buddhist Ahimsa [non-killing] and later metamorphosed in Pictoric idol worship. I do not think the crop of 100 million Muslims in India where there was none, could ever be called an act of synthesis on the part of Hindoos.

The historical synthesis first appeared in the emergence of Sikhism in Panjab in the 17th century whose followers are the proud possession of India. Nineteenth century India under the British Rule saw the synthesis in full swing and the poet Raveendranath Tagore started his "Shantiniketan" with the express purpose of merging East and West into one including the exchange of brides in this century. But I do not like synthesis which is a hybrid product. I would prefer something original like Puritanism, Jesuitism or Aryanism whether it comes from far East or far West.

As for our dynamism, it fundamentally implies force while our culture based on non violence, truth, piety, forgiveness, humiliation, controls, castes and all sorts of restrictions etc, and above all our climate is directly opposed to the acquisition of force and hence it is anti-dynamic. Hinduism and dynamism are contradictory terms and will remain so still we go back to the Vedas. Was there any dynamism in agreeing to Pakistan?

Allowance must be made however to the fact that Panditji was impatient to wed the Swaraj and wanted to create an army of supporters and sympathisers to his cause from all quarters in order to form them in a big Barat and over-whelm his haughty bride and he had Ram Rawan and Krishna Khosla all in one and the same temple.

I have said that Pandit Nehru's mind has a philosophical bend and to be accurate, I would say that he is an internationalist or a cosmopolitan personage. He is being a mixture of national and internationalist he had to use his both fists. His right punch falls heavily on English and the left one stretches softly to others. Fighting has now ended in his victory and he is likely to develop his soul towards a second Ashoka. God grants him a long life and I hope He will.

In fact Pandit Nehru's "Discovery of India" was intended for Indian Consumption and was written in the then psychological conditions of the country. It is so that all roads lead to Rome and similarly the trends of the Panditji's writings reach the same end i.e. break for the past. I therefore profoundly thank the big Pandit of India for unexpectedly coming to the help of the little Pandit of Mauritius and hope that the Mauritians would no longer remain callous to the exhortations of the two.

Truth at Last

Chapter IV

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Sparks

Physically Hindos present a pitiable spectacle. He too their diet and living prescribed by their religion meddles with the normal growth and development of their body and soul which means Hindos are wanting in energy, enthusiasm, courage, venture and strength. The ancient Acharyas hardly knew the rudiments of the science of health. Why not discard them?

According to me the communalism is the let and dose on communism. Muslim Arabs in their dash slaughtered the communities without pity wherever they came.

countered them. The very Arabs who had once run the earth from east to west and north to south are today living in split communities with jealousy and hostility reigning among them for each other. I am sure the communism starting from Russia may rush to other parts of the world, but it is bound, after its first effervescence, to resolve itself into different communities or nations heretofore. I therefore say that the communalism, which is a natural condition of life will stay. But communalism must not trespass the rights and interests of others.

The present popular Hinduism is hostile to the Hindu unity. United we stand, divided we fall. Reformers have so far failed. According to modern conception, the rulers are responsible for all ills of the ruled.

Hindoo culture had one time crossed the seas and reached the countries such as Indochina, Siam, Malaya, Indonesia etc. But today they are all swallowed by Islam. Hindoo writers call this part of the world by the name of greater India and Muslim devouts are sure to follow in naming it greater Arabia. Truth is that the Hindoo culture soon withers in foreign lands.

I want to see Panjabi father, Bengali mother and child Tamil [adopted] or vice versa wholesale. Then only the Hindoo unity will come.

Divine and the Diplomat

Our director of Education, Mr. Oppen, in his annual report of last year classifies the number of pupils attending both the Government educational institutions i.e. the Curepipe College and the Port Louis High School as follows

Christians	...	308
Muslims	..	87
Hindoos	.	78

I want my readers to note that the Hindoos are at the top of the population of Mauritius but they are at the bottom of education. I do not talk of Christians. They are beyond comparison. But the Muslims coming from India like ourselves, having the same colour, culture, physique and poverty have also beaten us in this respect too. They are at present 60,000, that is for every 2,000 they have 3 pupils. At this ratio Hindoos, who are more than 200,000 must have had 300 pupils while they are only 78. That means for every 3 Muslims there is only one Hindoo.

The final examination of these schools gives the successful pupil a right to enter the Civil Service and also the gate of the Universities abroad opens for such students. This fact will give you some idea of the number of Hindoo Civil Servants and professional's found in this Colony. You will also know why at certain conjunctions in the last council election better candidates were not available. Successful politicians now get Rupees 6,000 a year with Trade-Mark 'Honourable' on their fore

ads [our great prime minister Pandit Nehru refused to be called such] and there lurks another danger for doctors as their best brains will surely have more action, as was the case in India, for the fixed flame of the bright silver than the dark prospects of incurring wrath of their coreligionists by making an honest diagnosis of their ills and without any remuneration!

Well, they are politicians and I leave them at their work.

But what about the custodians of the Hindoo religion who are 'born and trained for the purpose'. They neither teach nor preach the religion but simply dwell upon its side issues and make a mess of the thing.

For instance our learned Swami Nishitrayananda a missionary of the Ramakrishna mission goes out of his way and enlarges upon abstract subjects such as Hindu-Muslims unity, duties of women, charity, social service, psychology, philosophy, culture and so on without touching the vital questions affecting his audience Hindoos. He prefers the platform to the pulpit.

Our revered Swamy sometimes tells strange tales. He says even the Rishis ate beef and relates story heard from an Italian missionary that Hindoos proposed the girls to accept their daughters in marriage in order to the incorporation of two cultures should be facilitated! He wanted to stress upon his listeners the traditional adaptability of the Hindoo character as they have done with the previous cultures. He himself was sure of what he told to his audience in the Municipal Hall and could cite no historical authority in support of his statement.

Swami delights on such topics before the Hindoo public!

But granted for the sake of argument that if indi-

viduals had acted so infamously, they must have done so to save their lives and achieve their selfish ends and not for the assimilation of two cultures. Poor Swami! He ought to have censured his unworthy forefathers who simply helped swell the number of beef eaters and idol breakers in India with such abject offer. Instead he presents a hearsay defamatory narrative as a virtue of Hindoos. The worst part of the episode is that his Indo Mauritian hearers do not protest!

In any time of the Indian history there was no any such thing as culture. Hindoos simply lived and died with their religion or routine. Swami, The Hindoo divine has nothing to do with culture, He must stick to his religion the Hinduism.

Does a Muslim or a Christian divine ever preach to to his coreligionist to adapt themselves to the culture of the so called Kafirs and Pagans? They consider others their prey. They look after their own sheep: Why Swamiji does not go and speak to the non-Hindoo audiences? Truth is that they are not interested in what our Swami does or does not but the Hindoos to whom he speaks are bewildered over his academic but unpracticable discourses Swami is an ever present personality. He is a humorous speaker and gives his hearers doses of laugh and there they part with clean head as they had come.

Hindoos are numerically fast sinking and educationally they are on the lowest able but Swamiji remains silent on such questions perhaps through fear of being called a communalist and keeps the Hindoos in an ignorant bliss by his references to Hindoo Muslim unity and so on. He puts us under the wordy chloroform.

But a question crops up as to why we want ~~the~~ unity. To fight the Christians. Why not ~~work for~~ work for ~~Hindoo~~ Hindoo

Muslim-Christian unity as the politicians here are doing under the banner of Mauritianism ?

Does not this one-sided preaching give an impression of the Hindoos being guilty ? I do say that they are not and they never were.

My idea is that our Swami is a well known idealist in the then Gandhian atmosphere of India. A sort of inferiority complex pushes Hindoos to seek help from quarters other than their own as they think they cannot stand by themselves. But this mentality after obtaining our freedom must disappear. We must understand however that Swami's goal is heaven, ours is earth.

After the divine comes our diplomat. To implement the cause of the missionary, the Commissioner for government of India Mr Dharma Yasha Dey has now appeared on the scene. He misses no opportunity emphasizing upon his hearers the greatness of Indian culture without ever defining what that culture

Culture belongs to the natives of the country and not to the masters or labourers settled therein unless the sword has played its part there. In Mauritius French culture reigns. Romans conquered England and ruled but the culture of the country is English.

So in India it is fundamentally the Indian culture made by Hindoos of the land although foreigners later came and imposed their culture on Hindoos. They assimilated all the cultures preceding the arrival of Muslims in India. But they could neither accept Muslim culture nor give them theirs. Muslims came to India as conquerors and refuse to call themselves as Indians and hence their Pakistan and therefore their mosques and mausoleums etc cannot be called an Indian culture.

Big churches, bridges, palaces, rail roads, telegraph, telephone, wireless stations, film show, radio, universities, hospitals, industries, factories, ships, planes, press motors, and every thing connected with the modern India has been due to the superior British culture. Yet we rightly do not include any part of it in the Indian culture because it was all foreign and not created by the inhabitants of the country.

evolving far western before our eyes. They are conscious of the fact that their culture is based upon superstition and ignorance and they do not hesitate to give it a decent burial. They are only 11 thousand in Mauritius but are to the forefront in economy and education of the Island and always ready to defend themselves. They have given Mauritius 6 laureates (winners of the English Scholarship amounting to about 25,000 Rupees) while Hindoos with the biggest population of more than 200,000 have produced only one out of their three generations in this colony. The triumph of Miss Jayamani Venkatasamy in this respect this year is unique and exceptional. I say why the browns should not imitate the yellows-

Pandit Nehru has depicted in his 'Discovery of India' the true picture of the Hindoo culture. He quotes a French author De Tocqueville in this connection who says 'Permanent inequality of conditions leads men to confine themselves to the arrogant and sterile researches about abstract truths which does not serve the humanity'.

I ask, are we now to build our nation on that arrogant, sterile and unserviceable culture of our progenitors, which other writers call speculations.

The great Pandit is now a ruler. He must avoid the clash of Muslim opinion there and hence the accommodating expression of Indian culture. Muslim dynamism would be a great valuable acquisition for the Hindoos and I heartily welcome it but they do not want to lose their vitality by the contagion of the languid and listless Hindoos. This concerns the politics of India. For us we must look to ourselves to save us from our wrecked culture.

The present definition of the term culture is what is created by the man in thought and thing and hence the Chinese, Indian, Greek, Roman, Egyptian and European cultures.

Our creation is our vaunted thought and which has proved to be unfruitful. We loudly speak of Vedas but never read them, Enough of this false nationalism. European culture has overtaken us and our salvation lies in its warm embrace with necessary adjustments. If our cultural enthusiasts go by the beaten path of following the Indian pattern and offering lip worship to the sunken Hindoo culture, this would not only mean the waste of time, money energy, and labour but a rank hypocrisy on our part, 'Advance' is our paper but nourishes on European culture.

I therefore pray our divine and diplomat to lead then charge by the light of reality and practicability and not by idealism and platitudes,

Vague Creed

"Hinduism has no known founder, no dogma, or exclusive standpoint and interpreted in its largest sense, it has no scriptural texts in which all are required to believe"

(The president 10th session of the History Congress held at Bombay January 1948)

The very phrase of 'Hindoo religion' was brought into vogue by the Christian missionaries and later translated by the Hindoos as Hindoo Dharma

The fourth cycle of the Hindoo culture not religion began in the 18th century (first Vaidic, second Buddhist, third Pooranic) and developed in the 19th under the peaceful rule of the British when three peoples Hindoos, Muslims and Christians collided. Then only, the idea of a national religion sprang up—not took root. Dayanand and Ram Mohunrai were the leaders of this fourth cycle. The present practical Hinduism is made up of two main elements: Nutrition and Procreation.

Jains do not believe in Vedas, Sikhs too have nothing to do with Hindu religion. So the Kabir and Brahmos and other sects have torn themselves from Hindu faith but all of them intermarry among their caste members of the dissident sects and avoid certain food and drink and in this way always remain Hindoos.

Hindoo at work

Since the peacetime Muslim aggression on Hindoos began in India 50 years ago the word Hinduism has been to the forefront because of the fact that the Muslims do not differentiate between Sanatan Anya Shoodra or untouchables in their attacks. Their target being non Muslims.

Christians also attacked Hindoos but on intellectual lines. Hindoos for this reason had to fight two opponents simultaneously and

therefore they set themselves organising their vast but undisciplined masses into a huge solid block.

The leaders of this movement were politicians who were not fired by any religious zeal as was the case with Dayananda and his predecessors and they concentrated their efforts under the title of Hindoo Sanghathan with the object of bringing out the unity among the Hindoos for political purposes without touching their religious composition.

The removal of untouchability and the intermarriages etc all form part of this unifying movement. All Hindoo leaders were fully conscious of the physical and spiritual weakness of 300 millions of Hindoos and their efforts in this direction would have achieved great success had Gandhi blessed them. He called these honest leaders unpatriotic and the movement considerably suffered under his regime.

Sabotage

It became a social stigma to call oneself a Hindoo, Hindoo writers too charmed by Gandhi's promise of Swaraj in one year, warned Hindoos not to talk of Sampradayikta. [communalism] I myself was subjected to an overseas sermon to this effect by Pandit Banarsidas Chaturvedi then Editor of Vishal Bharat of Calcutta when I had sent to him a copy of my book. "Hindoo Mauritius" twelve years ago to review. After the passage of the famous Sardar's Bill act penalising the mar-

riage of Hindoo girls under fourteen years of age, no legislation on Hindoo social reform was undertaken by the Indian parliament. I compare the then Congress under the leadership of Mahatma with the Maquis [resisters] of France during the German occupation whose activities principally consisted in the sabotage of communications.

Congress boycotted their own parliament and other Government institutions. Servants of the state were guilty of treason. This civil sabotage lasted for 25 years. Hindoos were ordered to seal their mouth and suffer while the Muslims enjoyed the tacit consent of Gandhi being called the communalists first and then Indians. So was with the Hindi literature. The Maquis of India wanted to dress Hindi in Arabi and Farsi Saris: Poor Hindoos.

They gloated over the Hindoo-Muslim marriages. Doga Khote marries a Rashid, An Aruna married a Shafat Ali, Indira marries a Parsi, but never a Fatima weds a Foulchand. Sessions of Congress and Councils always adjourned for Muslims prayers. The green band on the flag of India is in honour of Muslims.

Two years ago on the occasion of the joint celebrations of the Indian independence day by Hindoes and Muslims at Chamo de Mars, Port Louis neither the Veteran Mr Boodhun nor the Hon Seeneevassen the leaders of the movement paid any homage in their speeches either to Mahatma Gandhi or to Pandit Nehru the head and heart of the Indian independence,

Such is the mentality of the Hindoo all the world over. Do the Muslims reciprocate? The commissioner for India must have by now scored the century of public welcomes since his arrival in Mauritius September last year. But not one such reception was accorded to him even

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by the Indian Muslims who have homes and interests in India.

The congress President Acharya Kripalani a right hand man of Gandhiji was angry when he was called Hindoo by the Pakistani organ 'Dawn' ! He retorted by saying that his brother was a Molvi (servant of Islam) and that he had 50 Muslim members in his family. All this to obtain Swaraj, in reality to create Pakistan.

Why not Hindustan !

Hindus knew that it was their country and they suffered for it but failed to appreciate that Muslims considered themselves as foreigners and not Indians. They ought to be wiser now by the experience, they have gained. But Pandit Nehru shudders at the mention of Hindoo Raj and Hindusthan just because there is a Muslim minority which share in the Government of the Country)

Jews also hold important posts in the British commonwealth and yet the country retains its significant name of England ruled by the race of Anglo-Saxons. India is a foreign name. Hindusthan was the appellation given by the Muslims when they occupied the country. The word Hindoo applies to both the religion and the race. Muslims have now violently separated from the Hindoos and therefore the rest of the country belong exclusively to Hindoos and in consequence it automatically becomes Hindusthan. Nehru may renounce religion but he cannot do so with his race. In the central and provincial parliaments of India Muslims would be hardly 5 to 6 per cent of the Hindoo members and the proportions too if they accept to remain loyal to the Government of India and enjoy the confidence of Hindoos. What, the country of 95 Hin

doo legislators then, has no right to be called Hindusthan and that is not a Hindoo Raj Unless of course Pandit Nehru wishes issuing invitations to the non Hindoos of the world to come and settle in India with a prospect of a second Pakistan in few centuries la c We read in our history the names of the illustrious Kings and Emperors such as Chandra Gupta, Ashoke, Harsh etc and the Hindoo races like Rajputs Marathas and Sikhs. Ind viduously they rose and set But there was never any concerted action offensive or defensive on the part of Hindoos It is only 7 years ago that the All India Hindoos under banner of Mahatma Gandhi rallied together in force for the first time called the Indian National Congress, started in 1887 under the guidance of Hume and Wedderburn of respectful memory and asked The British to quit India without the help of Muslim. Well the victorious Hindoos have no right to call their government 'Hindoo Raj'?

Europeans, Americans and Mongolians (Chinese Japanese etc) serve their religion as patriotism and self respect So the Hinduism should be for Hindoos and not the untouchability, castes, kitchen, God and their fables etc of the Sanatanists. (Orthodox Hindoos)

Ram, Krishna Bhudha Shankar Rishie Sanasees Ashok Shiwajee Pratap Tagore Gandhi and a host of others as well as our wisdom contained in Vedas Upanisads Geeta etc of world fame are enough for us to be proud of the name of Hindoos and his country

Since Historical times, Hindoos have never affirmed themselves and in consequence suffered and lost and still our premier Pandit asks us to cling to this suicidal and debased tradition of forgetting ourselves

Who are we if not Hindoos? I know the late big Tamil merchant did not like to be addressed by the term of 'Ayya' it appears the words Ayya and Bayya in Mauritius have dropped their lustre. Is this the case with Hindoo in India? Call Bharat and Bharatees. I have no objection

Gandhi undertook an impossible task of pleasing

his two wives Hindoo and Muslim at a time keeping them both in one and the same room, but he was found fond of the pugnacious one who emboldened by Gandhī's favour, demanded separation from her peaceful rival Mahatma agreed but the trouble did not cease. Gandhī ought to have divorced her but he did not denounce her even and the same mentality still persists with congress leaders.

Gandhian Hindoos have won their independence without the help of religion and therefore they do not see any necessity of following any but they are now confronted with Pakistan with religious fanaticism blazing therein and the flames of which are burning the skin of Hindustan.

It is impossible under the circumstances for Hindus then to remain quiet and not to react. The first terrible reaction came in the death of Mahatma.

One cannot be a communalist in a heterogeneous population of this Island but in India, the land of Hindoos, communalism stands for patriotism. I ask what is the meaning of the love of one's country? Patriotism does not signify the love of cobras, crocodiles, scorpions or forests and deserts neither the scoundrels, criminals and cut throats of India. It means the love of her heroes, poets, philosophers, kings, emperors, saints, Acharyas and above all her language and literature. They were all Hindoos and have made me what I am. Now they ask me not to call myself a Hindoo but an Indian in order to please the minorities of Muslims, Christians and others living in my country. According to the propagators of this sort of Indianism, every Hindoo then must love the foreign prophets such as Mahomd, Christ, Moses and Zarudust and their accessories as he would

love his own Ram, Krishna and Buddha.

Is it possible for a man to love more than one wife at a time ? I therefore say that I shall be a mere a foot ball if they thus divide my love between so many belles. Adultery is a crime. Let therefore every body love his country whole heartedly and be a true patriot

A Peep into the Religious History

Our mother land is on the crossroad of creed or no creed

The British live for their Britain and have fought the Germans professing a faith as themselves twice in one generation

Muslims live for their religion and would fight their own countrymen if they were non-Muslims. There is no such thing as patriotism in Islam.

Hindus have fought neither for their country nor for their creeds. They have done so for their kings and once they fell they became the docile subjects of their conquerors. I have condemned the present creed but I do not know when it will go and socialism will come. Till then there must be some link binding the new union of India. The Punjabees of the North of India and Dravidians of the south have very little affinity between them to each other in respect of their physique, culture, race or language and therefore you cannot expect any natural sympathy except on religious ground between two peoples

But geographically India is a unit and they are at-

tached together and in consequence must live allied to each other for mutual defence and security. This physical bond can be further strengthened by the the spirit of religion or culture in whatever form it may be,

Excess of Spirituality

Vedas first taught rites and hymns.

Muses and Mootings of Hindoos date back to the vicinity of about 3,000 years and the questions of life, death, good bad, vice, merit, sin God ghost, heaven, hell, flesh, spirit, beginning, end body soul etc have all remained unanswered till this day

Our ancestors submerged their existence into the deep sea of spiritualism as if they were not born in this material world That is why Budha fled from it and other Gurus followed till Teeluck the violent predecessor of non-violent Gandhi came to the surface before our eyes

So that to our reputation stand the spiritual queries but not their solution.

Atheistic Reaction

Sooo after this divine plunge, began the bubbles of atheism to rise,

Ajit was the first to found the sect of Nihilists called the Kesh Kambali who believed in no life but this They denied the result of good or evil deeds and of course Karma and its effects upon the course of human life

Then comes Kapil of the Sankhya philosophy who denied

the existence of a supreme God as creator or ruler of univers^{es}. He pointed to the origin of misery, pains cruelty injustice decay and death and concludes that a benevolent and kindly God could not tolerate the sufferings of his creatures and therefore if he existed He could not escape the reproach of cruelty and partiality,

Third teacher Charvak has produced a revised edition of Kapil. According to Brihaspati Charvak taught no soul, no liberation Let man feed on butter even if he runs into debt. Preserve your wife and self, but give them both to serve yourself.

The Charvaks were divided into two sects The Sushikshita and the Doorth and the above teaching is probably the work of this Doorth Mandli exasperated as they were by the then practices,

Buddha then steps in He revolutionised the old conceptions. He is the first in Hindoo philosophic systems to establish the relations between man and man by his moral teachings without reference to God. He took a middle line of agnotism, beat his godless predecessors and Bhuddism prospered for a while in India. Then came the Maya of Sankar.

These religio-philoso-academic civil wars produced the Poo^{na}ane which invented stories and interpreted past masters according to their taste and exigencies

All this took place in dark ages and we are now called upon to go through this tremendous literature of conflicting nature and find out the right path of our salvation, As a result a number of sects appeared with their treatise and commentaries and the task of reading into this jungle became a hopeless impossibility and to-day apart from the term Hindoo and the sentiment attached to it nothing has been left to us to lay our hands on,

Last revivals

Nineteenth century gave us two reformers in Raja Ram Mohun Rai and Swami Dayanand Saraswati. The first came from the east and the second from the west of India.

Bramho Samaj of Raja made the Upanishads their text books and did away with Hindu rites and worships and helped further diminish the faith in the religion. Swami Dayanand followed and founded his Arya Samaj with Vedas as their Scriptures, condemned the popular Pootanic religion, abolished the caste system and revived the Vaidic Havan but prohibited animal food and alcoholic drinks including even the pharmacy products. The life of a fish or a fowl is more succious to them than the life of their own kind-human beings. At the same time he insisted upon accepting the truth and rejecting the untruth. His method of arriving at truth in theological and religious disputes is quite rational for he advocates the full play of arguments, logic, proofs and facts as is done in the courts of law. He did not want to create blind adherents but the weapons, he placed into the hands of the Arya Samajists with the object of cutting and exposing the hollowness of non Vaidic creeds, are now proving boom rangers with confusion and disappointment spreading into the ranks of the followers of the movement. Then comes Vivekananda.

As sees the Swami

The Swami Vivekananda of international reputation thus wrote "In Travancore the most priest ridden country in India where every bit of land is owned by the Brahmanas and the females, even of the Royal Family hold it as high honour to live in concubinage with the Brahmanas." Again HIDE your face

in shame. A race of dotards you lose your castes if you come out sitting down these hundreds of years with an ever increasing load of crystalised superstition on your heads, for hundreds of years spending all your energy upon discussing the touchableness or untouchableness of this food or that with all humanity crushed out of you by the continuous social tyranny of ages

In other epistle he writes 'There are three hundred millions of earth worms crawling upon the fair soil of India and trying to oppress each other! again he writes' women cannot be safely allowed to walk in the street,

Further "I know that India is only inhabited by women and eunuchs" according to Mahatma, Hindoo are coward and weak.

Swami also says 'they are atheistic cowards' In other epistle he says 'you are like Jews of old—dogs in the manger—neither eat nor give others to eat You have no religion, your God is the kitchen, your Bible the cooking pots'

Swami on one occasion says 'Even the orthodox christians have given me food, shelter, friendship and protection What do our people do when any of their priests go to India. We do not touch them even, they are 'Mlechchas' India's doom was sealed the very day they invented the word Mlechcha and stopped from communion with others

I have quoted the Swami just to invoke his moral support to me. He has summarized Hinduism in 'do not touch' and I call it untouchism it would not be out of place therefore to examine what it means.

Untouchism

They only know in Mauritius that there are Hindoos in India called untouchables But they do not know that untouchability

das it is awful.

I think this list of Hindoo practices will suffice to establish how our religion is infected with the virus of untouchability and in consequence to call same untouchism would not be a misnomer. Its origin can be surely traced back to the colour bar of our ancients. Fortunately however in course of time all Hindoos became coloured people and therefore the cause of untouchableness exists no more.

Vivekananda's reasoneful follower Swami Ghananand never preached against this virus of untouchism and so does his successor pious Nisshreyasananda. Surely it is risky for them to deal with this poisonous plant. But the survival of the Hindoos is at stake.

What the Christian predecessor of Vivekananda Says ?

Abbe J. A. Dubois a learned French missionary who had lived in the midst of Hindoos for 30 years thus wrote 150 years ago on page 96 of his famous book "Hindu Manners Customs and Ceremonies" "Therefore to make a new race of the Hindoos, one would have to begin by undermining the very foundations of their civilization, religion and polity, and by turning them into atheists and barbarians." Negroes of America were atheists and barbarians. To day they are a perfected people.

Truth at Last

Chapter V

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Sparks

Fear, fashion and want of faith fostered by the Indian National Congress under the leadership of the Mahatma made us shun the word Hindoo and I ask if there is no glory in being called a Hindoo, why should he defend his flag ? The Hindoo considers India his own country and his experience ranging over centuries has taught him to be cautious to accept the non Hindoos as partners in the defence of his motherland.

Some people who are obliquely looked on, have their separate organizations but on account of their inferiority

complex they prefer to remain unnoticed and lack the courage of making others feel their existence and live neglected as they always have been.

Do not look to the professional Brahmans for your salvation as their eyes are fixed upon their bread and butter (Dakshana)

Freedom of conscience or liberty of opinion are fine phrases But the Hindoos who had no opinion of their own accepted everything, both internal and external and became enemies of their own countries.

It is impossible to embrace non violence as creed One may do so as a necessity or an expediency

The commissioner for India Mr Deo is disappointed with the state of Hindoos of Mauritius It is not his function to give you a bitter pill to swallow But I assure my brethren that the representative of Pandit Nehru will be delighted to see some one else doing so Hindoos therefore should make some concrete work, presentable to Mr Dharam Yash Deo on the occasion of their farewell to him.

Aryasamajists and Maharashtrians are the vanguard of the Hindoo movement. Because the former is visited by the soul of Dayananda and the latter by that of Shri-waji.

A Hindoo Logic

A Harijan, who worships cow and Krishna and is called Narayan washes away his untouchability as soon as he becomes a Noordeen or a Noel. They then turn beef-eaters and claim their descent from the ruling race and look down upon us with scorn and contempt.

In the beginning of the 16th century a Bahamani Kingdom was established in Maharashtra by probably a Brahmin convert surely by force or by purse. The Brahmin class meekly accepted the yoke of the Muslim invaders and continued bathing and chanting in the rivers and reading their holy books. One of them however no sooner became a Muslim than he became a wolf fell on the neighbours and established his line whose successor even defied the authority of Aurangzeb the Emperor of Delhi.

The history of India records another instance of a Hindoo convert called Zitar Khan who founded a house with the title of Shah in Gujarat in 1391. There are many such instances and I call on my readers to please witness the phenomenon of the pent up energy of Hindoo bursting forth only when he destroys his old-Hindoo soul and possesses a new one as is witnessed in Sikhism.

It therefore follows that to be born a Hindu particularly in the lower castes is a sin and according to our Karma theory a curse.

Again we raise a hue and cry against the ill-treatment meted out to our people abroad but we forget conveniently what we do at home and when pressed hard take refuge behind our religion.

From Removal to Burial

Let me now see whether it is possible to bury the untouchism after Mahatma's campaign for its removal and how.

Swami Dayanand first put the word of God into the mouths of untouchables and other non Brahmins in the preceding century and Mahatma Gandhi made the untouchables meet God himself (temple entry) in the present century. But the English missionary had preceded both the Swami and the Mahatma by opening the doors of the temple of Saraswati [Knowledge] for the untouchables.

Muslims however were the early comers on the scene who through their usual practices had already digested a good number of them.

After the arrival of the English in India the Muslim sword rusted and the British pen picked up by the Hindoos flourished and the untouchables increased in number again. This is the short background of what has been done to stamp out the Hindoo untouchability. But we know both the force and the propaganda have failed and it still remains a serious menace to the Hindoo nation and hence its removal.

It is not generally understood what this campaign of the removal of the untouchability by Gandhi means. It is not the absorption of this element into the Hind Society. It simply asks you to strike out one item from the long list of the Hindoo sins, then touch would not pollute you anymore and you need not undergo any expiatory rite to wash the sin of the pollution. This is what the word removal signifies. Surely Gandhi did not

mean to stop at the removal of the untouchability only. He was fighting the British and did not want to create a second front of Hindoos and had to begin with its removal as a first step.

Nothing short of intermarriage and interdining will solve this problem. Even the legislation would not do, my suggestion therefore is this.

The government of India should decree that the institution of marriage is now their monopoly and that all the Hindoo marriages will be henceforth arranged by the government themselves. Love does not intervene in the Hindoo Marriage. This is the business of the parents. Government should be the agent to fix the marriages. They will then see how the girls and boys of touchables and untouchables could be mixed up and wed them. Force, facility, Propaganda, persuasion and favour all must play their part in such matrimonial transactions and the next century, I am sure, will see a big block of 400 million Hindoos standing firmly in the line with Russia, America and China,

But I do not advocate the nationalization of woman as reported to have been the case in Russia,

Readers of history surely know how Alexander the Great 2300 years ago had tried to fuse two peoples of East and West by forcing 10 thousand of his troops to marry the Iranian women and thus blot out the racial animosities existing between them by the time.

Some such experiment was tried by the sect called वाम मार्ग

They believed in the design of God in evolving the sexes for procreation. Sex attraction is natural and irresistible and their unions therefore must be unhampered and unrestricted.

With this philosophy they wanted to do the will of God. According to them the castes and untouchability man made measures were anti God. Their opponents however have bequeathed to us scandalous practices of that sect. All this happened in black age and therefore I gave it as it is. In the bright light of the 20th century we shall certainly do better,

Nothing else will succeed with the caste bound Hindoos. A Colonial Hindoo with suspected blood of the untouchable in his vein simply wastes away under the fear of casual mention of the incidence in spite of his other accomplishments. Such is this filthy disease eating at the vitals of the Hindoo body. What would you expect from the Hindoos of India where light has reached a few persons and fewer places. Authority is the only rule they understand, India wants a dictator. I not Pandit Nehru a fit person to take the job? will he bury our untouchism?

Wisdom and Valour

I see many young Hindoos dressed up to date and who are an object of admiration. They look in some cases like mannequins but without any expression on their faces. Most of them walk, talk, behave and do things just for the sake of doing without vigour and energy. They have wish but no will. They look timid, cynic, nervous and detached. They are neither smart nor agile and seem tired. Their eyes are blank.

Look at the small Chinese and the common Creoles of the of the same category of people and you will notice the contrast at once, their features are rigid and they exhibit a resolve. Watch them how they speak and act. The only expression one gets from the demeanour of Hindoos is that they are inoffensive beings. They are perfect gentlemen but but they do not practice the gentleman's law of self defence.

They have received an education with the aim of leading the life of quiet and comfort with no ideas or ideals to push them forward. The spirit of competition and ambition does not reside in them and that is why we have no men of action and academy. No initiative has ever sprang up from

Hindoos. Their public functions such as processions, festivals, meetings and marriages etc are all conducted in the same philosophic mood. They put in them neither pride nor their passion. They are colourless, and lifeless and therefore inefficient and ineffective. They rather exhibit qualities of dull ox than the lively horse.

"Bef Travai cheval minga" i.e. ox works and horse eats. Does it not mean then that we live for others?

According to the Hindoo code 'Bon Dimun' (good man) is he who has no opinion of his own and who never protests or asserts himself. Education thus filled in the mental frame of such peoples does not enliven their temper and in consequence the wisdom and the valour live apart. The frame itself must be broken. Learning before weeding up the soil of religion would give no good result.

Our neighbours Burma and Ceylon win their Independence without winning Nobel prizes or without producing poets and philosophers

Other Types

I come across the Hindoos who are either inflated or apathetic. The class of fanatics ready to shed blood as is found among the Mahomedans, is unknown to Hindoos. The ignorance of their religion reigns supreme among them and in consequence most of them are indifferent to it. Their remaining inflated class being educated dupe the uneducated and constitute a stumbling block to the progress of the masses. This class comes from the upper

layers of the Hindoo society. They are puffed with the fantastic ideas of their ancestors being the rulers and teachers of the world and thus endeavour to keep the lower layers under their spiritual thumb in order that their so called God granted superiority be not disturbed. They are about 10 per cent of the totality of Hindoos and want to impose their will upon the remaining 90 per cent. Thank Enchab, this our hereditary and unpatriotic House of Lords is on the way to its doom but the Commons must not relax in their efforts to pull it down speedily as possible.

But I must say I have singled out one intellect among a very few others, in the person of Mr Vel G Vinden, our assistant Post Master General who is above the said categories of our society. He is a fighting Hindoo but not blind to facts and figures. He distinguishes between philosophy and religion. He argues and pleads passionately. He was president of a Temple society and feels for weaknesses of the Hindoo religion. He was one of the leading members of the committee who had invited Swami Ghanananda for the purpose. Men like him are well fitted to take the lead and I hope he will do so when retires some years after. I wish we should device a years plan to bring the Hindoos on one and the same religious level. The best method would be to keep the God but remove his coatings to begin with.

Fire First

We have amongst us a legion of writers and orators but only learning would not save our community. Be-
1 gave us Ram Mohan, Vivekananda, Tagore, Gnan

Bose, Pal, Banarji, Chaturji and a host of others But this country of the sons of Saraswati is populated by the people who have never defended themselves and who have made no history. The reason is simple enough. Their religious teachings and their social customs First the Emperor Ashoke conquered this country and then what happened 600 years ago in Bengal was repeated in 1946 and the Muslim Raj [Pakistan] 1000 years ago. Vivekananda has well said 'Is not water enough in the sea to drown you, books, gowns, university diplomas and all'?

I hate the religion which makes us 'Atheistic cowards' I want to see my co-religionists manly and courageous first and then all the platonic virtues such as fraternity, piety, sanctity, humanity, tolerability, passivity and so on I do not care if they compare us with the hordes of Zengiskhan We shall at least have the satisfaction of knowing how our sword had danced in the east and west. We know Vandals and Huns were savage peoples But they have remained in history So are our Dhurjodhan and Dusshasan.

We disapprove the inhuman methods of Nazis and yet we have an awe and respect for the 'German' we know as well why Hitler refused to take his inspiration from the mournful and ignominious looking posture of the crucified Jesus and why he caused to remove such of his statues from public places. According to Hitler the impression and effect of such public exhibitions on German mind were at stake I too do not like the garments of our Governor General and the prime minister especially when they attend public functions and particularly the parades.

Similarly I should have no objection to 'Kechwa' (worm) being evolved to Cobra frightening the world with his hood and hisses

The proportion of the population of America is one black to about 15 Whites, and yet the negroes face and fight the latter when occasionally the racial troubles break out there

So the Jews of Palestine fought the Arabs twenty times

their number and have won a new state called Israel for themselves. And what the past, present and current records of India reveal ? Look at this picture made in India in the beginning of the last year.

A linguistic controversy last year between the Muslim fractions of Urdu and Bengali at Dacca, took 50 casualties while cutting of their ancestral land produced a few bubbles in the great pacific ocean of 300 hundred million Hindoos. That is why perhaps most people are afraid of Satan more than God himself of Semetic peoples. There is an Urdu proverb which says खुदा भी शैतान से डरता God also is afraid of Satan.

Mussolini had said 'better to live a tiger one day than a sheep with hundred days' I simply want to show how we bow to the man who has it in his power to make us harm. Does not fire give life ? Lately coined term for fire is dynamism.

Hold of the Culture

We are born Hindoo and brought up in the Hindoos atmosphere and are proud of the fact, under obligation ! The impressions received in the process not only last long but it is difficult to efface them. With impressions come the likes and dislikes and which in course of time hardens into love and hate fanned by culture and language.

An up to date young Hindoo with Europeanised schooling for a dozen of years prefers his bride or his sister to see in Saree to a 'Chapeau' Even an Indian christian woman does not like to part with her national garb. In both cases the early likings so contracted say, before the age of adolescence sets in, cannot be replaced by a bearded Miyajee or by a Padre in black with shoes on.

It is true our attitude towards our culture or religion is in the category of the son who maintains his burdensome father on sentimental and public considerations. Poor father understands and is generally content with what he gets from his children and all goes well. But it is not so with our aged and infirm but ghost-like religion. Itself is in the throes of death but persists on its 'pound of flesh' from us. We must not give it this chance.

Emasculated Creed

Hindus are heading to socialism, I wish them success. But the question is whether they will then become brave and defend their country in case of aggression. Otherwise the internationally minded socialists will be invaded and subjugated by their neighbours the Islamic Fascists.

It is not enough to transfer their allegiance from Hanuman to human [Socialism]. The whole Hindu outlook must undergo thorough change, if necessary with little blood shed, as did Arabs 1300 years ago.

Few people know how our Dharma, Satya, food and rites have kept us in captivity of meaningless social conventions and prejudices and in this scientific and mechanical age.

In historical times all wars fought in India were between philosophy and fanaticism and the philosophic India perished. In the wars of Kaurav-Pandav and Ram-Ravan all the high and noble Hindu virtues have shone so brilliantly that some of the heroes of Ramayan and Maha Bharat were later idolized.

Fortunately the demoralizing अहिंसा, अक्रमे, माया और कमेफ non violence Inaction, world as illusion and the law of Karma etc effiminating Hyphotheses or philosophies have not yet made their appearance in India and Hindoos lived in the real world of love and hate.

Karna aimed straight to the heart of Arjoon, Ran right to the throat of Ravan, Duryothan dashed to the head of Bheem and Hanumans firing of Lanka and Bheesshma's refusal at the cost of his life to fix an arrow at Shikhandi etc are some of high pressure inspiring episodes of our epics

When Aryawanta or Bharat Khand became the law of speculators and art of war fell into disgrace, the fierce archers of Macedonia and Tartary [Kaniska] first and the fanatics from Arabia and Turkistan later fell on the Hindoo academicians and the country went to dogs

Some German writers have stressed the necessity of hate for certain peoples and principles in order to create an intense love for themselves.

All ancient religious systems especially Semitic are founded on more or less degrees of hatred for their contemporary institutions and hence the crucifixion of Jesus in Palestine and massacre of Jews in Arabia.

The modern political systems such as Capitalism Socialism, Communism and 'Dictatorism' also move in the same atmosphere. Therefore it appears that the world is guided by two natural cross currents of vice and virtue [राग द्वेष] love and hate and every individual experiences it in his every day's dealings

There was no hate for vice nor love for virtue in India after the post Upanishad period and we know how this dispassionate attitude of our ancestors contri-

therefore revise our attitude and learn to love and to hate according to the circumstances. Islamics are the best teachers in this respect.

It should also be borne in mind that this chain of hate anger and action would break in and harm the forger himself if he is feeble and impotent. The hatred of the weak will simply eat him up like T. B. Any way, I want to make it clear that I do not sing the hymn of hate of Hitler.

Kitchen Creed

All our Acharyas without exception have interdicted all animal food for Hindoos. But Nanak in Punjab twisted their teachings and brought back the flesh eating in the 15th century. But he made one reform. Mohamedans slaughtered animals with their 'Halal' formula while Sikhs do so with their 'Zatka' fashion i.e. killing the animal with one stroke on its neck without infliction of pain. Four hundred years later Das-yanand followed and reintroduced the vegetarianism, though there soon sprang a 'meat party' popularly called मांस पार्टी in the Arya Samaj of Punjab. Readers should note that all the anti-meat Gurus came from the East, West and South of India [countries of unwarlike people] and none from Punjab in the North which is the abode of tall, strong, fair and brave peoples. Other outstanding fact is that all those teachers belong exclusively to the caste of Brahmin only which class had never taken any part in the defence of the country. Not only that, the Brahmins helped the foreigners to consolidate and perpetuate their rule in India. The modern terms for this class are 'Quislings' or 'Collaborationists'. Those Brahmins only knew their own caste and wrote in Sanskrit, the

language unknown to non Brahmins. They shut themselves in their Muths, Ashrams, Temples or houses and make laws for the people whom they did not know. In India Brahmanic laws are dying and the modern Rishi Dr. Amilkar, an untouchable is replacing them.

In Mauritius the poet Tulsidas still rules and as ever the target of the Hindoo leaders and intellectuals alike. Government and the whites without doing anything the most for their unfortunate brothers. Our men of letters do not even enquire whether the people of the Hindi gatherings that preside over, know the alphabet of their languages, Some of them attend such functions for political considerations with no thought of the social conditions affecting them either and in this way perpetuate the tradition of the Hindi Scripture of Tulsidas which is summed in his famous verse गुरु,

पशु, गंवार, अरु नारी । ये सब नाटक के अंगिकारी ।
Meaning Man, Dog, Beast, Rustic and woman all are worth bearing. There is no paper here devoted to the cause of Hindoos. The Priests of the Arya Samaj no doubt do their bit but they do not command sufficient respect to attract the attention of Hindoos on account of their social standing and their meagre attainment plus the aversion of Hindoos themselves to the change of their conservative customs. This means what little civil body puts forth is lost in wilderness and the black Hindoos tosses on.

Another peril has now appeared in the widening of our council. The majority of the Hindoo electors or other groups has fulfilled the demand of Hindoos for their adequate representation in the local parliament. Our honourables in the legislative assembly are now being echoed by two mighty guns 'Advance' and 'Janat' and the Hindoo Mauritius is further estranged from the purely Hindoo questions. They are all pledged to work in the interest of Mauritians. That means you may have your sweet heart, but she would not appe

in public except the one married at the Civil Status Office.

A man belonging to a certain community is necessarily a communalist unless he is a second Gandhi. But as soon as he steps in the council room, he ceases to be such and becomes a Mauritian.

As if he has jumped from a pond to the deep river of many kinds of fishes.

Hindoo candidate goes to Hindoos and begs for their votes. They elect him but he soon forgets all this and boasts that he is the representative of Mauritians!

To-day we are strong only numerically and have been able to send Eleven deputies for the first time in our local history and Hindoos are overjoyed with the results. But their wisdom is confined to the tip of their nose. They do not care what will happen to their community fifty years hence. In other colonies Hindoo names are prefixed by Josephs and Henrys and who are lost to Hindoos.

In certain government departments Hindoo intellectuals occupy important positions and there was a cry sometime ago raised against the so called Indianization of the civil service of this colony. We must not forget the fact that the number of Hindoos in those departments was solely due to the big number of their kind in the Island. It behoves therefore those privileged civil servants first to thank their stars and then see the number of their coreligionists is maintained at the present high level for their own benefit.

We know in the second half of the last century, the Muslims in the election of municipal councillors of Port-Louis, did not exist as an element. But to day, they have become a vital factor through their number.

Hindoos and Muslims came from the same country but look at their achievements. It is estimated that about 90 0/0 of Muslims are engaged in commerce, industry, trades and professions and the remainder 10 per cent hold the spade. Therefore they hardly require representation in the Assembly and they in-

crease at the rate of 500 souls per year.

As regards Hindoos 20 per cent are in trades and professions etc while the remaining multitude of 80 per cent are hanging on to the sugar cane fields.

Their number is fast diminishing and 50 or 100 years after when our present majority will have gone our children will experience the humiliation of watching the doors of 'Miyas' as there will probably be no more Shri in the council.

50 years hence

Hindoos and non Hindoos here are divided in equal numbers and the contest for the 19 seats allotted to the representatives of peoples in our legislative assembly has resulted in the victory of Hindoos by their capture of eleven seats in the last elections. Their triumph lay in sheer weight of their number. I avail myself of this occurrence to present to Hindoo members of the assembly the following picture of the population of Mauritius for their contemplation.

In 1921

Hindoos	220,524
Non Hindoos	155,061
Hindoos in excess	<u>64,563</u>

In 1944

Non Hindoos	210,938
Hindoos	<u>208,247</u>
Hindoos less	2,691

During the past 23 years Hindoos have decreased in comparison with non Hindoos by 67,000 at an average rate of little less than 3,000 per year. Surely a part of this number must have been the victim to the causes of bad health and infant mortality etc and a part absorbed by the Cross and the Crescent as is evidenced in the significant swelling during the same period of the number of 54,974 souls in the non Hindoo population at an average rate of about 2,400 per year.

I have already given details about the rise and fall of these two groups in the first chapter of this book and in this I want to show their relative position likely to be 50 years hence as under

In the year 2,000

Non Hindoos	330,938
Hindoos	183,247

The tables will then be turned and which will mean nearly 2 non Hindoos to 1 Hindoo. The much talked of swamping of the Honourable Mr. Luckeenarain will then become a reality. Most Hindoo members are married Hindoos generally follow the occupations of their fathers and I am afraid they will have no space left to them by the end of the century to follow the honorableness of their elders. The so-called sister Island Reunion stand before my eyes in this connection and I ask myself whether its history will not repeat itself in this colony. I do not care for the success of Labour if my community does not survive. I hope against hope however that the politicians will see as much as they can that their Hindoo Sun is not totally eclipsed.

Do our Pandits, Sannyasis and about 60 Hindoo associations envisage the fate lying in wait for their Vedas, Geeta and the highly talked of culture if the present ruthless process of silly Hindoo fishes being swallowed by the non Hindoo crafty ones? This has already taken place

in other colonies and they [culture etc] have been banished from Pakistan before our eyes. Whom you will preach then your Gospel or Gospels and where you yourselves will be ?

Economy, culture and consumption (tuberculosis) in conversion of our race have become our acute problem. But they can not be solved in the chamber of council. Champions of the Hindoo cause must look to that. Hindoos can wain those sitting in council and exact co-operation and other help from them. Our social leader can begin at once with the standardisation of the religious rites, Syllabus of Religious Instruction in schools, interchange of Ministers of different sections of the Hindoo community and sweeping away of caste barriers. Then only our present numerical strength will be maintained.

Our professions and trades had become hereditary but the English have fortunately for us broken that vicious circle. Brahmins in the beginning with a noble tradition both in learning and fighting, behind them, later took to blowing conch and ring bell. They are found here as in India in every manual and mental work and in the service of the people termed 'Mocha coins' by themselves !

They are fed with their calling and do not train their sons to continue their Jobs which denotes that they have lost faith in their priestly functions. But the devotees of the Babajees not possessing a keen eye to detect their doings, credulously seek and pay them to quiet their spiritual apprehensions which the Brahmins themselves have ceased to entertain ! This is how the Brahmin of this age lives a mere parasite. If the creators have abandoned their centuries old professions, it is a clear proof

that their creature Hindoo religion is not worth living and therefore the one sixth population of this planet must be absolved from the so called Hindoo obligations.

I want a new creed based on discussions and debates in periodical religious conventions as the Buddhists used to do in their *śāṅ* or as they do in the present Christian church Assemblies.

We are governed by our penal Code and the public shame. We can not burn our widows now as we did in the past ceremoniously nor we prevent others from slaughtering our sacred cow. We dare not marry child girls nor practice our untouchism. Similarly we do not like to parade our Varah Awatar or the dog, one the seven Gurus of three headed God Dattatreya in public processions.

This is for the negative side [religious and cultural prohibitions] of the question. As for the positive side such as idol worship, caste dāns, food restrictions and cultural continuation are all disappearing with the tacit consent of the public disapproval. This means the world conscience is at work to put the human society on a new structure. We live here in a cosmopolitan Island and our social position is getting precarious. We see this in our brides and bridegrooms who refuse to conform to the hitherto hallowed tradition.

Our Brahmins and other social reformers have not succeeded to prepare a Hindoo Catechism as yet as our Gods, books, Rishis [prophets] and cultures are innumerable and therefore task of writing a manual for religious instruction in schools has become an impossibility.

Neither have we any common word for greeting or salutation such as Good morning, Bonjour or Salam alekum when we meet. I can not say how much more time, the 74 years old Namaste of Dayanand of uncommon intellectual faculty will take to capture the whole of India.

But that was the first and right practical step taken by the Rishi of last century to create the feeling of religious equality between the top and the bottom hitherto unknown to the Hindoo world. He was in reality the father and architect of the all India Hindoo unity and I avail myself of this opportunity to bow low in reverence to his wishful memory. The Hindoos who are still coy of Namasté will render a service to their community in at least boldly adopting and pushing further this Vaidic expression already in vogue.

Creation of a New Creed

In India our parliament has undertaken by its acts to shape our religion. Yet the great majority of Hindoos would always require something to believe in and something to practice with. I may suggest Chinism which has for its base Buddhism. According to Pandit Nehru Chinese are our half brothers but on the ground of their existing belief and look the Chinism might be rejected by Hindoos. In this case I would propose Sikhism minus their haughty and indigenuous to the country and has heroic tradition behind it. There is a movement afoot in India to absorb the Muslim element who still keep their Hindoo vestiges into the Hindoo fold. This new movement is meeting with success and has improved upon the previous Shuddhi Sabhas as it places no restriction of food and drink etc on the new converts. I do not think the bone crackers would ever agree to allow perpetually the Di

Bhat of the Hindoo sages and I believe the Sikhism will satisfy the needs of the entrants in the society.

Six hundred years ago when the Arabs [Moors] were expelled from Spain, many of them preferred to embrace Catholicism and become loyal subjects of the state. Indian Muslims will do well in following the right example of their worthy ancestors. They have now obtained a great new Muslim state for themselves. If they decide to migrate en masse that would be in the fitness of the things. In case they choose to live in India, only way open to them to do is as suggested above. There is no such thing as divided loyalty and if there is any such thing, it is doubtful and dangerous. As retrocessionists were not wanted in Mauritius so the Pakistanists would be undesirable in India.

But I want them to live and die in India, Muslims are an inflammable material and I like them as such. They would be an incentive to the inert Hindus and the Hindoo leaders would have won a second independence if they succeed in persuading them to sit by the side and pray. Of course not the Elephant headed God nor the buffalo killing Goddess or before a tear gas performance, but the God of Upanishads who is free from local culture and prejudices as the Gods of Jerusalem and Mecca, are invested with. In order to perform this feat Hindus must ascend to the higher level first before they ask their countrymen Muslims to jump up.

Not only Islam and Christianity are good faith but they are better in many respects than our Kaliyogi Hindoo religion. Compared first not so much Christianity as the Christian civilisation. I too like this civilisation but would not accept their Bible or Coran as guide for my spiritual consolation. In order not to be disrespectful I say they may be good books but my personal and national pride intervene and I would always consciously and convincingly say that my Geeta is the best. It does not relate miracles, Myths or

ries, Greta preaches pure wisdom. Besides I may admire the
old of my neighbour but I would surely love mine. So they
want to remain Hindoo, say Bharateeya without Hinduism.

In India Hindu Maha Sabha never made any progress
now it is half dead. Hinduism there is considered as a
monopoly of the Brahmins. Untouchables were hostile and
other touchables were indifferent to Sabha and the govern-
ment do not want it. They are in need of new creed, As
Mauritius hemmed as we are our need is greater than o-
thers of India. I therefore say this, Aryan is the best race
in the world. It is this race which first created a creed and
culture in India. They fought, ruled, taught and preached
they also meditated on God, soul, life and death and evolved
conduct of life for humanity. The Bible and the Koran
versions too give the flavour of the Buddhist ethics. Wor-
ship is thus diffused our Hindoo culture. They had their lu-
ciferous periods and their total eclipses too. We have the glo-
ry of being descendants of this illustrious race and as we
have passed through religious, social and political vicissitudes
but still holding, I think we have survived and may live long.
We are now a free people and can decide on our future
selves.

Mussolini wanted Italians to become Romans and con-
quer countries for Rome. He failed and perished. Similarly we
Indians or Hindoos can never turn Aryans (Indo-European)
and aspire to their glories. Our desideratum therefor
should be to have an honourable seat in a forum of the na-
tions corresponding to our bulk, size and achievements at
that effect we must strive. I do not know whether I can
say we are a proud people as we are taught from our child-
hood that pride is the enemy of mankind.

But our Aryan ancestors have left us their lustre. We
must preserve it at all cost and live by its side forever. But
we cannot do that until and unless we overthrow the disease-
ridden Hindoo regime and go straight back to Vedas where life reigns.

Truth at Last

Chapter VI

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Hindoo is he who reveres the ancient Sanscrit literature and respects its by-products irrespective of what he does or does not

Bharateey is another term which represents the whole range of our tradition and culture and can be substituted for the word Hindoo if the latter has fallen into estimation. I have viewed my religion factually, objectively and critically from all its angles i.e. origin, history, country, climate, culture, castes, character, language, living food, drink mythology, literature, precepts, philosophy peoples and physique. I have watched my coreligionists for 67 years as a born priest and an international one too and I have come to the definite conclusion that the present Hinduism must be overhauled in India and transformed in colonies.

Our past masters failed because they embraced the heaven and abandoned the home. I want to reverse the order by kissing the Kingdom of the people first and the Kingdom of God afterwards. Home and heaven have been divorced and the wedding of man and man-kind is being negotiated. Hindoo should take note of this.

India has no parallel in the world except Mauritius.

Nehru Government has none. The secularism adopted by the mild Hindoo rulers has created a cruel communism.

The foreign religions encouraged in India look to me like powder magazines with tendency to explode one day in a second Pakistan. may be in a far future. Or they are rather malarial mosquitoes.

We know here in Mauritius how Hindoos, Muslims, Christians (Coles) Chinese and Whites growl at the passers by in their chambers and smile in the streets Even the Bha-rees and Tamils both Hindoos, act indifferently.

There is nothing obligatory in Hinduism and on that account it has always remained indifferent, innocent, inoffensive, unimpressive and impotent

The cross and the crescent have ruthlessly enforced their Gods and their prophets upon Hindoos I do not know how a lamb and a wolf can be accomodated in one and the same park.

In his Id message this year His Excellency rather His Holiness C. Rajagopalachariar, occurs the phrase 'harmony and beauty in diversity'. Can we ever forget that the very diversity brought the amputation of India accompanied by slaughters, fire, loot, rape and destruction. Was there any harmony or beauty in these actrocities ?

The special pride of our political nationalists consists in proclaiming to the world that their race has survived all the vicissitudes of its long life when other races like Baby!onians, Phoenicians and Assyrians etc, have disappeared from the face of this earth But the truth is that India is not a country or a great city, it is a sub continent and is inhabited by a number of races of all colours features and statures, They also quietly forget that the Hindoo races (Aryans) living in the upper part of India viz, Sind, West, Punjab, Kashmir, Frontier Provinces and Afganisthan have ceased to exist centuries ago.

The huge wriggling masses of the rest of India have undoubtedly so survived that their smooth simple and soft cha-

nation. Mahatma Gandhi founded a Satyagraha and got the country. Pandit can now start a sort of Veda-graha and uplift it. Pandit Nehru knows that the present Hindoo religion is worthless to all intents and purposes and therefore he insists on secularization of his government. If therefore he decides to establish socialism in the country, I would still urge that this be fixed by the word Hindoo as Christian democrats are.

Islam has no castes and tolerates no sects. All then nationalities merge in one whole and yet every Maulana visiting Mauritius with Pakistani pride gives a tightening turn to the screw of the Islamic unity while our holies and profanes both babble on the service of humanity and the world federation etc without means of enforcing same.

They simply want publicity. Time has now arrived when such leaders must be denounced for their sickening attitude towards their coreligionists. Fifty years ago 55 per cent were Hindoos in Bengal and 45 per cent were Muslims. In the last census the position of the population was reversed, Muslims rising to 55 per cent and Hindoos falling to 45 per cent thus cutting an easy way to Pakistan. Something is taking place in Mauritius.

Our Nobel Prize winner great Tagore was there who slept soundly in his Shanti Niketan dreaming of the world peace and universal brotherhood without ever being disturbed by the cries of Hinduism whose followers were being religiously decimated all around. So the Yogi Arvinda is meditating at Pondichery since years and their representative Swami Nisshreyasanand is here amongst us. Christian priests face the firing squad and undergo persecution and imprisonment in defending their religion and their flock while the Hindoo ecclesiastics act as if

Mohamedanism has been Similarly patriotism, nationalism or communalism was unknown to us before the advent of English in India. Kings, Princes, Nobles and their retinue were of course ambitious and proud of their dynasties, origin or clans. They were generally called Kshatriya. They were few but they fought for their honour and fell. Masses of the country having no voice in the happenings did not feel for such misfortunes and the change of master made no difference to their day to day activities. This is the reason, why there was no upheaval or revolt against their rulers foreign or native. Such are the Hindoos docile and submissive and therefore so easy to be governed.

Equal mutual treatment alone will bring us national virtues. Professionals or politicians are a capable people but they dare not tell the social and religious truth to their clients and constituents through fear of losing their practice and popularity. This applies to the class of Brahmins as well.

Civil Servants are the right men in the right place who are indifferent to the favour or fear of their coreligionists. They can certainly lead their brethren if they so choose by grouping themselves if not preaching, surely by acting.

Now a days they talk of culture. As if religion does not exist. What, do not Hindoos every day see their culture in Indian cinemas? What good these paid shows have done to them! Our culture and creed are in conflict. Will the culture teachers tell this truth to their hearers!

We know what is Hindoo culture and what is Muslims culture but we do not know what is Indian culture unless it means a mosque with a Ling in it or vice versa,

Pakistan is the triumph of the compact communalism and Hindusthan (India) a monument of the airy nationalism.

I am a communalist first and anybody else afterwards. Communalism, nationalism and patriotism are the brothers coming from the same womb. Do you know Hindoo is a born saint and Muslim a born soldier? Hindoo contracts and non Hindoo expands.

We must develop the spirit of the teachings of Dayanand but do away with his letter. Instruction is the only key to our salvation. Assumed literacy gave us 11 representatives. Real literacy will give us many more.

Old women and the illiterate priest must cease to be our religious guides. The Vaj of Rishis and the Saugh of Buddhists should be revived to take decisions on religious matters.

Hinduism ought to be pushed back to the original Aryanism and westernised after the fashion of Turkey where the ideal of Tagore of the amalgamation of East and West has been achieved.

Gandhian Ahimsa is not a Hindoo conception as is clear from the institution of our Himsak Dash Awatars. Historically heroic inspiration comes from Shriwaji Govindsing and Luxmibai only. If we accept the Gandhi creed of non violence then we must condemn all our Awatars and our heroes.

Our culture and tradition came into existence in primitive times and may be exhibited as ancient relics on commemorative occasions only.

If you want however to practice your religion do so gracefully and artistically otherwise do not dance with the ugly partner. Open your eyes and see how deep the European culture has penetrated into our holy places and sacred Ceremonies.

Muslims and Christians are the highly organised communities and they shout from their safe entrenched positions that they are not communalists! but what about the scattered and wandering Hindoos standing in the open?

We ought to immitate Muslims for our religious unity and brotherhood and copy whites for civilisation and culture.

and guard against the blind nationalism Taste of the pudding lies in its eating and I ask what good our religion has done to our people if it is good ?

For 1200 years we remained under the heels of foreigners and created 100 million beef eaters in our holy land during that period and finally we obtained our freedom by paying a high price of head and hands of our mother India in the name of Pakistan That is what our religion has done to us

Hindooos can not meet the challenge of Cross and Crescent so long they worship the objects animals, unknowns and fancies We must Perform the Rajput—Kesariya first in order to fall upon our besiegers afterwards

They took me to a temple in procession with music playing when I came to this Island 37 years ago and some of them even touched my feet with their forehead I have remained steadfast since but they ignore me now and I welcome the change But I am afraid this falling off of their beliefs may result in accelerating the swelling of non Hindooos as nothing solid substitutes their credulities

Mahatma Gandhi had asked the youth to revolt against the wishes of their parents and boycott schools and colleges in the interest of the country The Hindoo youth of this Island must now conform to spirit of that command in the cause of their community

More than half a century was spent in obtaining the political independence of India and surely 50 years more to consolidate the gain Colonial Hindooos are better placed and apt to win the religious freedom than their brethren in India

Unlike Christians and Muslims, Hindooos are found nowhere in the world except in India surrounded by hostile races

We were charmed by the term of Jati (race) and won in the last elections There is no such thing as Jati if all its members are not allowed to intermarry

Brahmin is honoured and Shoodra is haunted. Why the latter should be a patriot and die in defence of his country or Community ?

Most Hindoo honourables respond to my Hindoo ideals in

more or less degrees but I would like to offer laurels
Hon. R. Seeneevassen and recommend my fellow religion
follow him. Hinduism is the result of the unhealthy evolutionary process and deserves the fate of Dodo (The extinct of Mauritius)

No scientific explanation for their speculations of Maya, Hell, Heaven and Poonar Janma etc is given by ancient Sages while the wise of our age find themselves founded with these hypotheses and best way therefore drive one more nail to their coffin.

Are not mist and our mysticism synonymous words

Our present strength lies in our number but in the anguished Hindu-Muslim-Christian match the Hindoos are being lesser and lesser and their ultimate defeat is a fore conclusion

I shall go off my communalism if my neighbour will do same

Can our melancholy and depressed looking women give us soldiers to defend our freedom! Bring them in and hang the obsolete ideals.

Our youth have been invariably victimised by the Hindoo women of inferior types, But I want my young now to take the offensive and shoot at stars. Young men clamouring for their liberation from the bonds of dress dilemmas and damsel. Longer we keep them in captivity faster we bring our extinction.

Mahatma took back wounded and bleeding what we with 300 million Hindoos behind him and Quade Azam led a world new brand with 90 million Muslims behind. Violence was victorious and non violence vanquished.

We are devoid of dynamic qualities. We simply wait exits and not live.

All the nations of the world have passed through civil wars before they have attained their political salvation except India, why? because Hindoos meekly accommodate anything and everything both vicious and virtuous. They began grazing like cattle driven by countless castes and

Coherence in thought and action was gone and the unity dead. In this state they became an easy prey to the constant attacks of the organised foreigners. They never enquired into the cause of their setbacks. The sense of frustration of their efforts enveloped them and the feeling of disappointment and fear (modern term is defeatism) thus engendered is pushed to the extreme by preaching the virtues of humility, submission and non injury in order to save themselves even at the cost of honour and dignity. And so our shaky soul to day has become our symbol.

First and foremost virtue to be cultivated by us would be the manliness but it would not come till the conviction that other fellow is at my back:

First comes my caste, then comes my language, then my culture, then my province and lastly my abstract India. Patriotism in this process weans. The task ahead of Hindoos is tremendous. It is comparatively easy for the Indo Mauritians.

The English lived in caves and painted their bodies when our Emperor Ashoke was sending the messengers of peace and good will to the four corners of the world 2200 years ago, English historians bow to our ancient civilization. We in our turn should acknowledge the attainments of the nation that has produced men like Shakespeare, Newton, Darwin, Nelson, Cromwell, More, Hamden and Mountbatten.

I prefer spinning my matted hair first to combing the straight hairs of others. Europeans unearthed our religion, literature, art and history and threw open to us the doors of temple of Saraswati. Are we not indebted to them!

They say the goddess Bhawani presented the sword of deliverance to Shiwaji and the English goddess of

Both the exasperated and experienced Hindoos say that their law of Karma throws the human soul into the Hindoo yoni [origin] to perform the life long penitence for his sins committed in the previous lives.

Mahatma Gandhi's performances were unpooranic [unhindoo] He did not worship idols. He broke the caste system and dined with untouchables. Gandhiji's memory will always be kept fresh by no other Memorial but by the conversion of 300 million Hindoos plus 200000 of Mauritius by force or persuasion to those acts of our saintly revolutionary.

Swami Dayanand was the first to revolutionize the institution of Sannyas [Monk or Order] called fourth Ashram in Hindoo terminology. He taught the religion, defended it and made Hindoos nationally conscious. All his predecessors for the past 1300 years did not touch the religion but diffused a philosophy that every thing seen by the physical eye is unreal [Maya] God alone is real and therefore one must not attach himself to any thing but Him. This was their central teaching (Vedanta). This negative attitude towards the world made Hindoos unconcerned with their King, country, creed and even their family because all was false and caused the down fall of India. Hindoos are now a free people but they are nowhere materially and spiritually. I would like to have therefore such Sannyasis only who believe in the realities of life and preach to make us fit for the struggle for existence and not those who charm or chloroform their audiences with flattering terms.

The secret of all our afflictions is this-2500 years ago Buddha renounced his wife, wealth and world: This

story has since become a corner stone of the present Hindu structure. Yogis and ascetics swarmed in the country and beggary became a respectable profession of India. Sects arose. Rulers and the ruled took to giving up including their wives and the spirit of resignation and surrender pervaded the people with resistance rotted with foreigners easily enslaved our sub continent and which remained so for the past 1200 years. We still breathe the air of renunciation. Gandhiji in loin cloth was the resurrected Buddha. Vaidic father, Buddhist mother and child Hinduism !

I do not like this incongruous issue because at birth empire of Ashoka crashed. A thousand years after the Brahmin king Dahir of Sind fell and in the 12th century the Khatri King Prithviraj Chohan of Delhi met the same fate thus putting for ever an end to the line of Yudhishtir and establishing firmly the Muslim rule in India till the sons of the Mughal emperor were shot by the English in the mutiny of 1857. These are the landmarks of the doings of Hinduism.

They shout that the Hindus were never aggressive. Yes, but how their empires then came into existence. History records that the kings conquered the countries of their Hindu neighbours and became emperors. When however foreign invasions came, the aggressiveness of the Hindus not only dissolved but they could not even defend their Homes ! Do you know the significance of a institution called 'Ashva Medh' ? (Horse sacrifice) Our nationalist historians refer with glee to the aggressive exploits of the Marathas and Sikhs and thus hold unwittingly a mirror to you of their ancient history.

Mahatma Buddha said 'अक्रोधेन जयते क्रोधं'--conquer anger by non anger- Lord Krishna said 'ये यथा मां प्रपद्यन्ते'--mine is responsive cooperation or tit for tat. Mahatmaism disappeared, Lordism reigns.

My communalism does not imply hatred for others. It means I would not allow my child to starve to feed the child of another.

Hindoo aspirants have turned to left i.e. socialism which means equality in all But Hinduism is based on castes and kitchen and therefore Hindoos are not likely to make a good figure in this respect unless they put the Teeka (circular mark) of socialization of their community on their forehead first.

If you repudiate Empires, Imperialism and its ally Capitalism, repudiate also those Gods and Gurus who supported and blessed them.

Pandit Nehru [a hero in America] wants Hindoos to be secularists but he loses sight of the fact that their spiritualism dies in the process. H. E. the officer administering the colony, remarked on the Indian Independence Day that according to Mr Deo the pride of India has been her Spirit and yet he has enumerated a long list of the material and scientific methods and means normally known as western methods. I too say, enough of this Spiritualism.

Our first and forward Socialist the Honourable Dr.

S. Ramgoolam always preaches unity to his people to face the capitalists but he would never utter a word to awake the ignominiously down trodden multitude of his community. So does our brilliant barrister Honourable R. Seeneevassen. To them Hindoo social questions is a red rag. Socialists mean to say that one may remain a Paria but he should be bold enough to make holes in the pockets of the rich. According to them Hindoos have hunger and no honour. They broadcast democracy but practice aristocracy. (caste ridden religion) Charity begins at home. Shave, you social exploiters first before you twist your moustache on economic oppressors.

Mr. S. Bissoondoyal a M. L. C. has the courage to imitate Gandhiji in ungandhian ways and goes to the length of being forcibly handled by the Police. He is both a writer and a speaker but he too dares not attack the disease his community is suffering from.

Alas Hinduism has no champion. What Abandon it to its fate?

Do not forget that Hinduism means Brahminism---an exclusive trading privilege- and therefore must be abolished.

Picture to yourself what would have been the fate of India had the Japs and Germans been victorious in the last world war. Do not see you the hand of the Benevolent in the preservation of England from whom we have obtained our independence without firing a shot.

We hate the European colour bar but honour our social bars with our own countrymen and coreligionists.

Mahatma Gandhi was an avatar whose mission is over. His weapons of truth, love and passive resistance [non violence] placed into the hands of subject people worked well with the cultural, compassionate and conscientious overlords the Britons. Those weapons in fact instruments, cannot now be used unilaterally by the free people, We know to our bitter experience that they failed even with our own countrymen and neighbours the Muslims. One sees encouraging signs however in the armed treatment of the Kashmir and Hyderabad questions.

The preachers in season and out of season of the Gandhi Gospel should please take note of this and stop misleading the people, It is true that Gandhi is great but Bharat is greater

Barriers of nutrition and nuptials must be broken up. Hindus ought to banish all scruples for edible things and marry wherever they please

What is the difference between the degenerating spiritualism dinned into our ears for the past 3000 years and the present hazy secularism preached by the Hindoo Rulers. The former castrated us and the latter would give us no new glands

Bengalis, Marathas, Gujarathees and Dravidians are proud of their culture and their intense provincialism crosses the path of Indian nationalism. We cannot change the language of the country but its culture we can. A first step all provinces should be required to dress in one and the same fashion thus doing away with a number of caps, turbans, dhoties, sarees, jackets, shirts and trousers etc the marks emphasizing the differentialism

Asiatic Turkey has been Europeanised and other na-

tions are following suit. We in Mauritius through adoption of the western culture are approaching Mauritianism.

India must concentrate her mind first upon the destruction of things tending to emasculate Hindoos and make her strong before she aspires to be the champion of all Asia. I want to see India become the Asia of America.

Hindooes have always shined in ink and assemblage but faded on active service. From Boodha to Rajagopalachari, a long period 2500 years-the tradition has remained unbroken. But I want now to replace our sedentary succession by the moving successes of Truman and Stalin.

Do our temples represent the big Hindoo community and their so called highest culture?

Community means where members of a society in communion with each others as English, Chinese, Fier and Muslims do. There is no such thing as Hindoo community in Hinduism. There are communities in Hinduism such as Brahmins, Bania, Kayastha, Koormi, Aheer, Pillay, Pakshi and Reddy etc with divisions among themselves and cut off from each other. They are popularly called castes. Well where is the unity and where is the strength in all this!

The congressist rulers are removing the monuments of the enlightened English from India but preserve those of the benighted Mugals.

I have not said anything new in this book. I have gathered together the flying atoms in the ether and I am a small time bomb of them to explode.

THE END

